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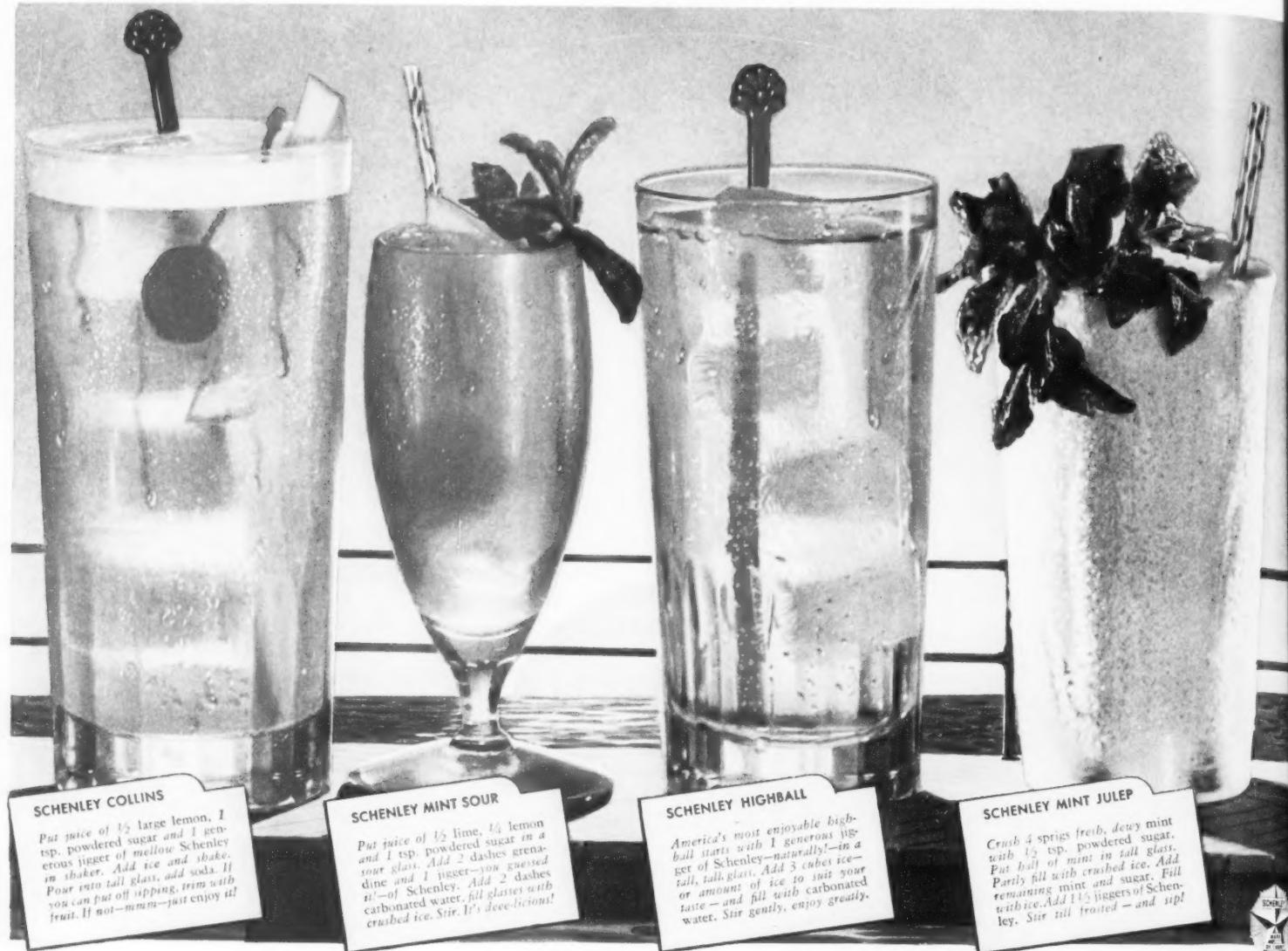
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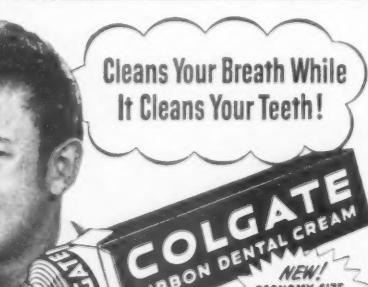
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LETTERS AND PICTURES

SEGREGATION IN D. C.

Your article "Segregation in Washington" for a leading Negro magazine, was a pretty one-sided affair in the section marked "churches." We all know churches is plural for church, meaning more than one. The Catholic Church was the only church used to bring out your point. After spending \$100,000 for a survey for something anyone in Washington could have told you about free, you should have discovered there are many Protestant churches a Negro has never entered to honor God.

The Catholic Church is among the few in Washington which is making any efforts to break the barriers between the two races. This is nothing new in the church.

I am not saying that there is no segregation in the Catholic churches in Washington, but it is not as black as you put it. There are good and bad in every church, as we all know. As for St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, it is the parishioners and not the church who are at fault. The downtown church you speak of is St. Patrick, no doubt. I attended mass there only a few weeks ago and was ushered to a front pew.

I am not trying to mock anyone's church and I don't want anyone to mock mine with such one-sided reports as yours.

CORNELL O. CLIFTON
Washington, D. C.

Those pictures taken in the Catholic Church in Washington, D. C., are certainly an indictment of the Christian spirit of the individuals responsible, but it would not even be possible to get such a picture of a large colored group inside the doors of a Protestant church during regular worship in one of Washington's white neighborhoods. Your just criticism manifests a conviction that the Catholic Church, despite the moral weakness of some individuals when it comes to facing Jim Crow eye to eye, is truly the greatest interracial society in the world. However, may such evils as those you picture be corrected for it is like taking Christ from the tabernacle on the altar and placing Him too in the back of the church.

DAVID HOLLAND
Roanoke, Va.

PAUL WILLIAMS HOME

Your article on Paul Williams and his ideas on small homes was very good.

The general public needs such articles to familiarize itself with new trends in design, and what the architect has to offer as a solution to our present problems. Our modern living habits have changed the type of homes we need, yet millions still live in homes that have become obsolete for our present mode of living.

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K. RODERICK O'NEAL
Architect-Engineer

Chicago, Ill.
Your two modern homes in the March issue of EBONY were wonderful. They add up to qualifications.

Mrs. VIRGINIA BRAKEFORD
Westbury, L.I., N.Y.

CHIROPODISTS

In the February issue of EBONY an article and picture appeared under the title of "Lady Detective." The article and picture in particular showing the chiropodist and patient is misleading and places chiropody in the same status as a shoe salesman.

The Illinois Association of Chiropodists, of which I am a member, has delegated me to write this letter. The office of Chiropodist and Foot Specialist consists of X-Ray, Physiotherapy, Operating Chair, Cabinets, Drill, Medical Cabinets, and some offices have an assistant, and the doctor is attired in a white surgical gown. Here in this picture, the Chiropodist is dressed in street attire and looks like a shoe salesman and not a Chiropodist.

The requirements of a Chiropodist are at least one year of college training before he can enter a College of Chiropody, spend four years there before he can graduate. On graduation the Degree of Doctor of Surgical Chiropody is conferred on him and he is well equipped to practice in the profession and is in every sense a professional man.

I am writing this letter in the hope that in the future issue of EBONY, you will reprint the same story "Lady Detective" with the office of a Chiropodist as it really is in actual practice. You have a splendid publication and can justly be proud of its fine progress.

ROBERT E. CLAYBROOKS, D.S.C.
Chicago, Ill.

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Please print these words verbatim in your "Letters and Pictures" column and make an open apology to FATHER DIVINE for your foolish, false statements published in the April issue. You know you did not investigate and obtain facts and it is plain to see that your magazine is a liar, but ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER DIVINE is the TRUTH PERSONIFIED.

AMELIA C. LAMB

Washington, D. C.

In reference to your article on Page 19, in your April edition, I should like to inform you that Jesse Binga (who is mentioned in said article) is very much alive.

He is a licensed real estate broker, having been associated with me and my office personnel for several years, and can be found at his desk every day.

He knows nothing of the article which you printed about him as he will be eighty-five years of age April 10, 1949, and he is quite feeble now and we do want to keep him cheerful in his last days.

E. A. SMITH

Chicago, Ill.

POTATO SOUP

A recent issue with the article on potato soup interested me very much, but the inventor goes to a great deal of trouble. Potato soup has long been a feast for Southern farm children. Here is how it is prepared:

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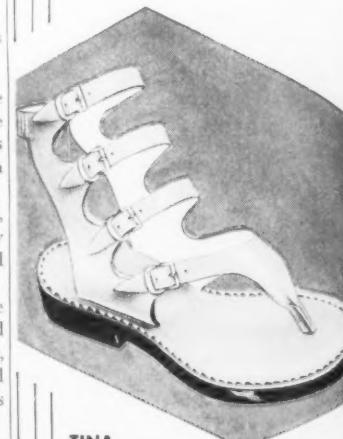
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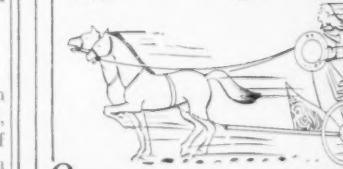
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ing the wonderful writeup and pictures on the three-year-old boy, Michael James Croques. He is rather an exception, but we also have a little girl who is very smart. Of course, we are poorly educated ourselves and cannot teach her as much as Michael's parents can teach him, but she has a remarkable memory.

At one year old, she could give you her age, name, address, city and state and recite the entire nursery rhyme book. She walked at 8 months and talked at 11 months. She would beg for someone to read to her at one year. Now at three, she can read (from memory) the "Three Pigs," "Snow White," "Three Prayers," "Wonderful Tar Baby," "Shoes that Danced," "Jack and the Bean Stalk," "Hansel and Gretel," and several other books including "The Night Before Christmas" which she can also recite. She can relate several stories.

She requires very little sleep, sometimes awakes at three o'clock in the morning and starts reciting verses by Robert Louis Stevenson.

She also dries dishes, sweeps the porch, washes herself, answers the phone and takes messages for her two big brothers. Knows anyone's voice over the phone if she has once heard it. Her name is Antonia Maria Powell, born November 17, 1945.

RAYMOND AND NORMA POWELL
Philadelphia, Pa.

INSANITY

In your April issue of EBONY, you feature an article on insanity. Not to mention the fact that I do not agree with you that prejudice is not one of the principal causes for insanity among colored people. I should like to point out what evidently seems to be a gross error.

You state "and in Georgia, for instance, Negroes are 8.8% of the population." The 1943 World Almanac (N. Y. World Telegram) quotes the following census for Georgia (1940 census). White and non-white: 3,123,723; white only, 2,038,278, implying approximately 30% of the population is non-white. Have that number of Negroes migrated from Georgia since 1940?

GEORGE W. SHERARD
Philadelphia, Pa.

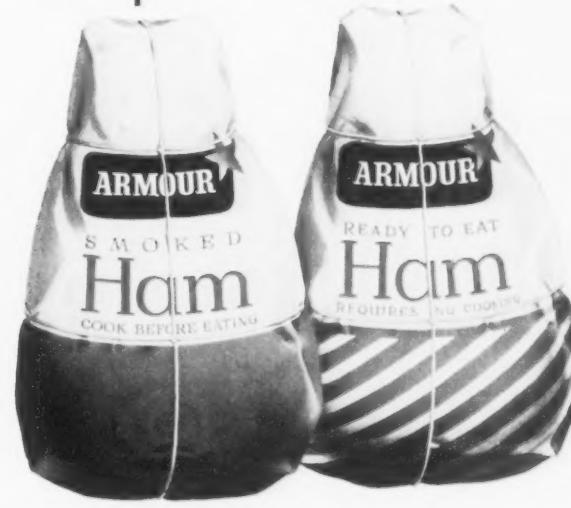
• ED. The article should have made clear that Georgia Negroes are 8.8% of the total U. S. Negro population and furnish 5.5% of the total Negro first admissions to insane asylums all over the nation.

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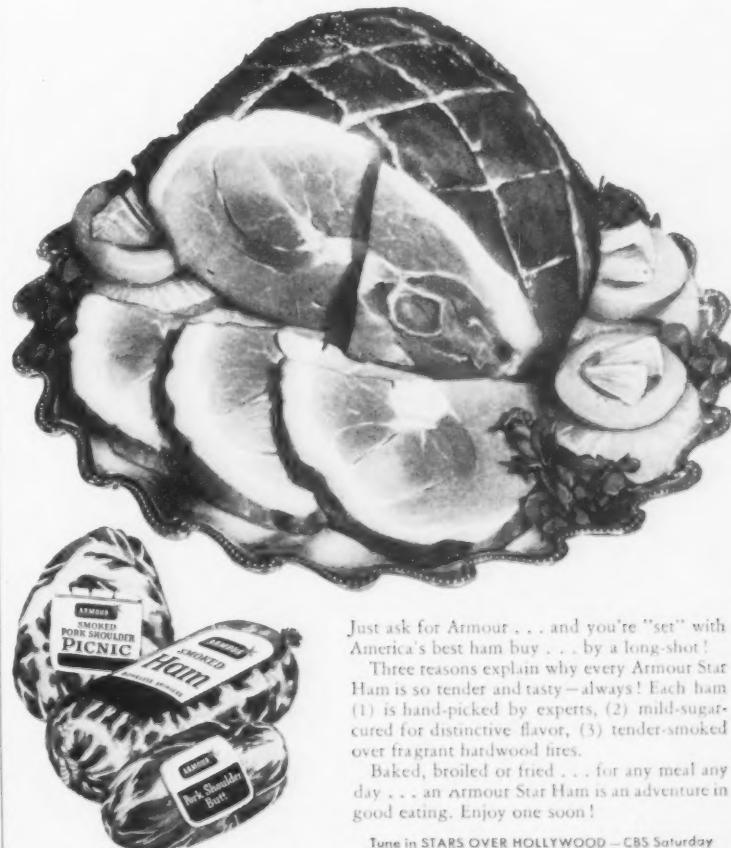
I read the articles in your March, 1949 issue concerning the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel job. They have an especial interest for me as I have worked on the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel job and on other tunnel jobs for many years past. Your pictures were excellent and your reporter did a creditable job even if he did lay on the blood-and-thunder rather thick.

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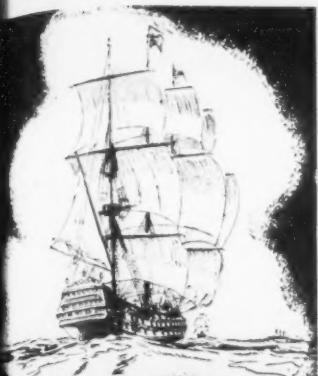
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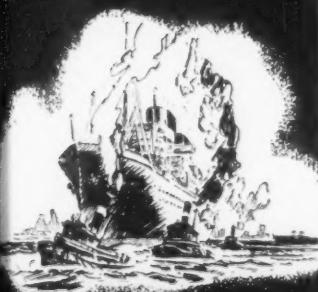
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City of New York. If they are affluent, they must be pretty smart because, by and large, their pay is no better than that of the men who do the construction work. Furthermore, some engineers have to carry out duties of inspection and survey right in the heading alongside of the other workers. I have no wish to take any credit away from the miners and the drillrunners and the others who are doing the hard and dangerous work, but I do not see that it does anyone any good for you to take a crack at the lowly engineer.

Moreover, I consider your title "Job Bias Spreads Bitterness Among Veteran Sandhogs" to be unfair. I have been around compressed air tunnels since 1915. There were many Negroes on the Montague Street Tunnels in that year. One foreman, Charlie Bailey, was as good a heading boss as you could find anywhere. Through the years, the proportion of Negroes to whites in the union has increased. On the Mason & Hanger Company's Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel contract, during the rock excavation and the shield period about half the men were Negroes. We had at least three Negro heading bosses who were outstandingly good men. If there ever is another tunnel job, I would not be surprised to see one or more of these men appear as walking bosses.

It is my belief that the fact that there were no Negro walking bosses on the Brooklyn-Battery job is no indication of Jim Crow practices. It simply means that the white men who did have those jobs had had experience that the Negroes had not had. In spite of the hazards and the dirt and the rock dust, there are men who like the work and there is competition for the jobs, especially for the better paid jobs as walking boss. Sandhogs are not angels and I just can't imagine a man who was in line for a walker's job, bowing himself out of the picture just to give someone else a chance.

I may be all wrong but I have a hunch that a good part of the dissatisfaction that your articles reflect is the work of a certain member of the executive board of the union, recently elected, who has demagogic tendencies, who never distinguished himself as a worker and who did not happen to be around when the work was really dangerous and the going was rough. It is possible that this man is more interested in his own promotion than in the good of the Negroes.

I have been rather critical on certain points but I want to add that your magazine as a whole is a good job and much alive.

HOWARD L. KING
Mason & Hanger Company, Inc.
New York, N. Y.

AFRICAN ARTIST

I just wanted to drop you a note to tell you how much I enjoyed the article on "Africa's Greatest Artist" in the March edition of EBONY.

Ben Enwonwu displays great talent in these works I notice on your pages. I am curious to know if any of his work might be hanging on the walls of any Los Angeles museums.

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In preparing each issue, an editorial conference endeavors to pick stories that produce as balanced a magazine as possible with something of top concern to every segment of the population whether it be intellectual or jitterbug. Features on art are weighed against stories on popular entertainers, articles on unusual jobs with pieces on new movies. Each issue takes months of planning that involves research, writing, picture-taking and often-heated arguments on what approach or angle should be used in presentation.

Occasionally people ask how come we do not run out of ideas. One reason is our readers who have been among the best sources of story ideas. Then every so often we send staff members on field trips around the nation and overseas to catch the pulse of the people, to learn what they are thinking and doing. Our staff editors in New York and Los Angeles do much to help our Chicago office in producing a well-rounded, alive and alert magazine.

Typical issue is next month's summer-designed reading fare topped off by a story on how Lionel Hampton built his band into a million-dollar business. In the unusual occupation department there is a remarkable feature on a Negro veterinarian (see above) with a streamlined animal hospital in Omaha. In the sports field look for an exciting story on the ten greatest Negro athletes of all time as picked in a poll of the nation's ranking sports editors.

High on the list of exclusive entertainment features is a yarn on New Orleans night life with some really startling pictures, a piece on famed jazz musician Lester Young's versatile porkpie hat and the first picture story anywhere on what promises to be the movie of the year, MGM's *Intruder In The Dust* featuring Juan Hernandez.

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Billie Holiday, more familiarly billed as "Lady Day," has been a top-ranking favorite of jazz audiences for more than a decade. But because of a jail sentence for using heroin, she has of recent been the victim of both narcotic agents and dope peddlers who have harassed her constantly. Trying to reach out for a new life, to have a decent home, Billie has not had much luck. She tells her story in the revealing article on Page 26. Kodachrome by Werner Wolff of Black Star.

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Brightly-lit Apollo marquee is one of most prominent signs on "the Broadway of Harlem," 125th Street from Lenox to St. Nicholas Avenues. Apollo is only theater in Negro community which stays open 52 weeks a year with stage show. Record for highest gross at theater is held by Lionel Hampton, who drew \$32,000 one week in 1946.

SHOWCASE OF HARLEM

Fabulous Apollo Theater is bread-and-butter mecca for stars of Negro entertainment world

HARLEM'S storied Apollo Theater, last substantial refuge of Negro entertainers in an era when vaudeville is dead and night clubs are taking their worst drubbing in history, has become a fabulous show world legend as well as a national institution in the past decade. Only year-round showcase in any Negro com-

munity, the Apollo is the lone survivor of the once-lucrative field of theaters catering almost exclusively to Negro audiences.

Operating with a week-long, star-studded Negro variety show for only 15 years, the Apollo is encrusted with tradition that marks it as a community property. Some of the big-

gest names in U. S. entertainment were given their first chance in its Wednesday night amateur nights (see below). Its audiences are unmatched anywhere in the world for unrivaled appreciation of good entertainment. No top Negro name in the show world is missing on the roster of Apollo billings of the past.

THEY GOT BIG START AS AMATEUR NIGHT WINNERS



Ella Fitzgerald won amateur contest in 1934, got week's engagement at \$75 as prize. She will get \$2,250 for next Apollo appearance, highest ever paid.



Bill Kenny, head man of fabulous Ink Spots, took amateur night honors in 1935. His Ink Spots got \$600 weekly at Apollo, collected \$1,750 last time she appeared at theater.



Sarah Vaughan took top prize in 1944 amateur program, once was paid \$60 weekly at Apollo, collected \$1,750 last time she appeared at theater.



Billy Eckstine was an amateur night winner in 1939, rose from \$75 to \$2,000, his present weekly salary whenever he plays at Apollo.



Thelma Carpenter came out of the Apollo amateur show in 1943 to get singing job on Eddie Cantor radio show and starring role in *Inside U. S. A.*



Top band leaders such as Duke Ellington and Cab Calloway have always been good drawing cards at the Apollo. Both once worked for Schiffman at old Lafayette Theater. Duke's band earned \$45 weekly per man then. Now band draws \$10,000.



Blackface comedy acts are part of every Apollo show and have been criticized by many Harlem community leaders as "degrading." But patrons laugh at them. Here "Crackshot" Hackley goes through routine with straight partner, Sybil Lewis.



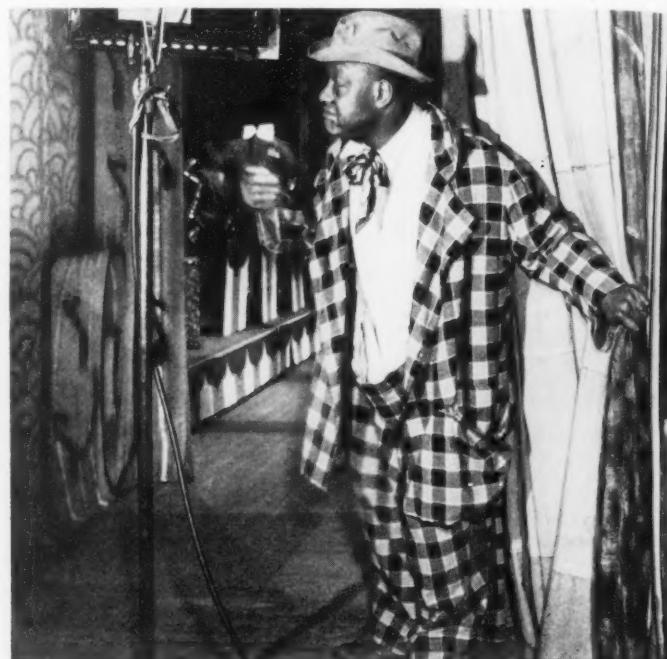
Long-standing favorite with audiences is Slim Gaillard, jamming with associates in dressing room. He heads trio, specializes in seat language. Apollo makes policy of re-engaging artists. Gaillard has been at Apollo 10 times in 10 years.

APOLLO AUDIENCES ARE MOST

THE APOLLO has presented every top Negro name in show business from Bessie Smith to Sarah Vaughan. Its kaleidoscopic show parade has run the gamut from rowdy blackface comedy practices by "Pigmeat" Markham and John "Spider Bruce" Mason, to the *avant-garde* New Jazz of Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie "Yardbird" Parker.

The salaries Impresario Schiffman pays these entertainers have grown fatter as the Apollo's prosperity has increased. Schiffman remembers paying hi-de-ho song stylist Cab Calloway \$50 for a weekly stint as a single in his old Lafayette Theatre 15 years ago. Now, Calloway's take for a week at the Apollo is \$5,000, which he earns on a bonus or percentage arrangement based on the gross.

Apollo audiences are generally considered by entertainers to be more responsive and sympathetic than any other in New York. White entertainers who play the Apollo maintain that their one or two weeks a year at the theater are the most enjoyable in their itinerary. Actually Apollo audiences are among the most exacting in show business. They



Standby at Apollo is Dewey "Pigmeat" Markham looking at show from wings and waiting to go on. He has the record for the longest single run (1933-1936) and has performed for more Apollo audiences than any other entertainer.



Latin Acts have been increasingly popular with Apollo fans in recent years. Typical Latin artist liked by Apollo patrons is Cuban singer and bongo drummer Miguelito Valdes in spirited session with members of his company in dressing room.

THE APOLLO IS MOST RESPONSIVE AND MOST EXACTING IN ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS

can be polite to the extreme but are not always so. They can also be as mean and unrelenting in baiting an artist as any theater crowd in the world. Amateur show M. C. "Doc" Wheeler says: "I have played to houses all over the world and have never seen audiences as tough when they want to be as the Apollo crowds. They can be really rough."

The Wednesday night amateur night at the Apollo has become a standard Harlem weekly event. It goes on promptly at 10:30 p.m. with all seats reserved at \$1.40 except for \$1 top balcony seats.

Ambitious amateurs who consider an Apollo prize as the first rung in the ladder to success, will wait for weeks to get a chance to perform on the show. It is easily the most eagerly vied-for amateur program of its kind in all New York and probably the U. S.

The amateur show is broadcast over radio station WMCA. One national network negotiated for rights to air the program but owner Schiffman decided to stick with the old station that had carried the show for so long. Plans are now afoot to televise the entire show.

Schiffman might have made a fortune out of managing some of the unknowns who started as Wednesday night amateurs and ended up some of the biggest names of U. S. show business. Years ago many a promising amateur pleaded with him to act as their agent. He always declined with thanks.

Schiffman's biggest lost opportunity occurred in 1934 shortly after Ella Fitzgerald had won first prize on one of his Wednesday night shows. The late Chick Webb, then heading the pit band, nudged Schiffman.

"You better sign up that girl," he told him. "She'll make you a load of dough. She's great!"

"But I'm not in the booking business," Schiffman said.

"If you don't do it, I will," Webb declared.

"Okay," said Schiffman.

Webb signed the then unknown Miss Fitzgerald to an exclusive contract. She helped him earn a fortune.

AMATEUR NIGHT IS HARLEM TRADITION



Registration and run-through of amateurs is held in theater basement. Here singer goes through number so pianist Ona Welch can accompany her later.



White contestants appear regularly on Apollo amateur show. This one, Grayce Steele, won \$5 third prize. Master of ceremonies is "Doc" Wheeler.



Fixture on amateur show is stage hand Norman Miller, known in Harlem as "Porto Rico." Ex-seaman has been "Executioner" for 14 years.



Strip tease is "Porto Rico" routine when siren blows signalling performer's failure. He starts in Mae West gown, disrobes until down to shorts.



Key man in amateur night audience is "Pop" Johnson, a former entertainer who has been coming to show for 14 years. He helps M.C. and siren-blower in wings decide which acts to stop. A sure judge of talent, he signifies displeasure by draping handkerchief over head and blowing whistle. He reserves same box every Wednesday.

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Apollo boss is Frank Schiffman, 53, former school teacher who is in syndicate running seven theaters, four in Harlem. He is active in Harlem community affairs and honorary member of two churches. He first got rabbi's permission to join.

BURLESQUE, MOVIES PRECEDED APOLLO'S NEGRO STAGE SHOWS

THE APOLLO sells its show wares from an ancient building on West 125th Street, the center of Harlem's business and shopping life. The building now housing the Apollo is encrusted with theatrical memories and traditions. Thirty years ago it was a burlesque house—Hurtig and Seamon's Burlesque Theatre. For more than 10 years it was one of New York's top burlesque emporia featuring chorus lines and tease acts for all-white audiences.

Later, as burlesque passed from the show scene, the Apollo was sold to new owners who made it into a movie house. This policy continued down to the early 30's when it was taken over by a group of theatre owners headed by its present president, Frank Schiffman. The Schiffman-led group already had acquired a large slice of Harlem's theatrical industry in the form of several movie houses and the fabled Lafayette Theatre on 7th Avenue, for years the home of legitimate Negro stage productions.

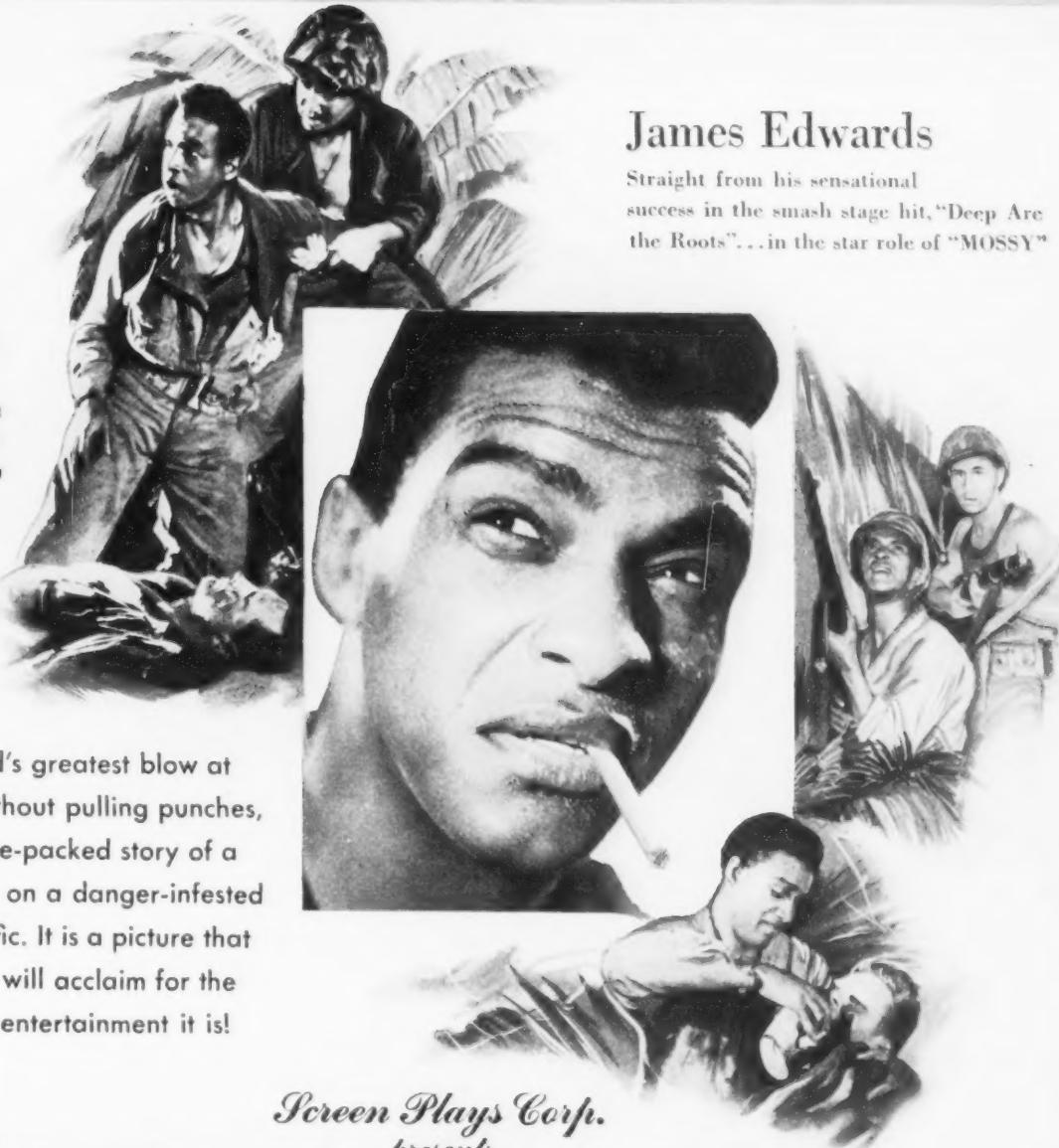
Schiffman and his associates took over the Apollo Theatre in 1934 and decided to introduce all-Negro stage shows as its main attractions. The following year the weekly amateur shows, which for so long had been a successful feature of the Harlem Opera House, were transferred to the larger Apollo and shrewdly promoted into one of the best-known amateur programs in the country.

The Apollo is the only New York theater that changes its prices four times daily. Until 12 noon its orchestra and first balcony seats are 50 cents. At 3 the price becomes 65 cents. After 3 p.m. tickets cost \$5 cents until 5 when they sell for \$1.

Regular policy is to give 30 stage shows a week or four a day. Extra shows are included on Sundays and the Saturday midnight show has now become a fixture at the theater. The Apollo's show schedule is flexible enough to accommodate heavy crowds. Thus, the theater has given as high as 45 shows a week and more. Record in this department was set by the Lionel Hampton band in 1946 when clamoring fans who stood in line for hours necessitated running seven shows a day.

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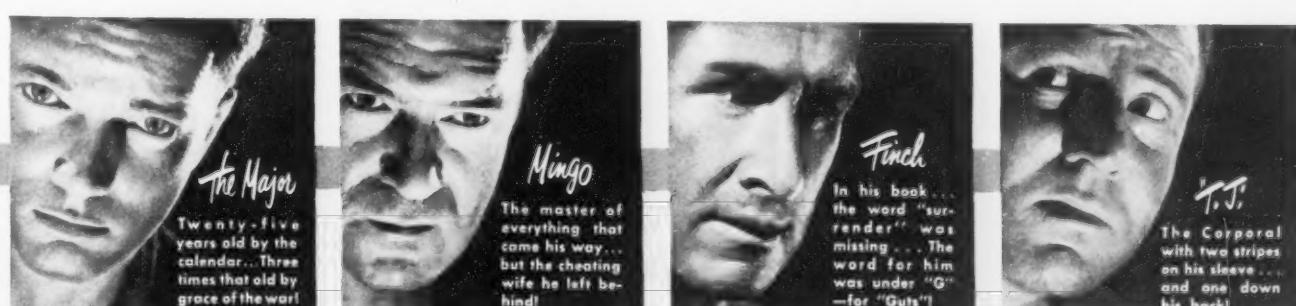
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Manager John T. L. Bunn inspects ushers. Staff is lenient in letting audience demonstrate exuberant emotions at shows. Youngsters usually congregate in top balcony, some staying all day through four shows.

COLORFUL PERSONALITIES ARE PART OF APOLLO SHOW

NOTED the nation over for discovering outstanding talent through its amateur shows and for introducing up and coming professionals to Harlem audiences, the Apollo has produced many a picturesque personality from among the ranks of its own staff. Most colorful of these is undoubtedly a squat, cigar-smoking, iron-hinged stage hand who is universally called "Porto Rico."

"Porto Rico" is as much a synonym for the Apollo itself as Frank Schiffman is. He is as closely identified with the theater and its atmosphere as is its lilting theme song, *I May Be Wrong*, which precedes the opening curtain of every stage show. "Porto Rico" is probably the world's most unique stage hand. For, in addition to his backstage chores, he is an indispensable part of every Wednesday night amateur shindig. His job on these occasions is to chase unsuccessful contestants off the stage, garbed in fantastic female costumes, and fire a stage pistol in their direction. He enjoys this job immensely and has been known to return from a vacation especially to perform it.

Almost as well-known to Wednesday night audiences is a bald, middle-aged ex-vaudeville performer, David "Pop" Johnson, who has never missed an amateur night in nearly 14 years. From his perch in his regular box, "Pop" is an unofficial assistant to the show's M. C., largely determining whether a contestant should be permitted to finish his number or be run off the stage by "Porto Rico."

Johnson's cue to the off-stage siren blower that an act is unworthy of further time is to drape a white handkerchief about his head, place a whistle in his mouth and blow it loudly all the while swaying back and forth in his box seat. This is usually the signal heralding the entrance of "Porto Rico."

A host of other regular patrons have peculiarities and gimmicks no less colorful. One old man has been coming to the Apollo on Sunday more than 10 years. He arrives before the film is shown in the morning and stays throughout the day and evening, being the last to leave. He buys the usherettes gum and candy and has been known to help them handle customers when the pressure becomes heavy.

"I love this place," he says affectionately of the Apollo.

The Apollo draws big crowds of whites to its shows, especially the regular midnight show on Saturday at which audiences are unrestrained and uninhibited as on amateur nights. Performers relish these shows because the audiences almost become a part of the actual show.



EDUCATOR

Mary Church Terrell has been a distinguished teacher and battler for women's rights for half a century. For 11 years she was a member of Washington's board of education, first Negro woman ever to hold such a post. In 1904 she created a sensation at the International Council of Women in Berlin when she spoke to the body in German, French and English. She wrote her autobiography in 1940 with a preface by her friend, world-famed H. G. Wells. Last year her alma mater, Oberlin College, gave her a degree of Doctor of Human Letters. She is a charter member of the NAACP.



ORGANIZER

Daisy E. Lampkin has covered thousands of miles around the nation in crusades for equal rights. For 19 years she was an NAACP organizer. As field secretary, her fund-raising exceeded \$100,000 annually. Last year she resigned her post to become a vice-president of the Pittsburgh Courier. A prominent Republican, she was the only Negro woman elected a delegate-at-large to a GOP national convention in 1928. At that convention she voted for Herbert Hoover's nomination, says: "I have never stopped apologizing."

WOMEN LEADERS

Their century-long pilgrimage for emancipation of their sex and their race is a historic battle

FOR NEGRO WOMEN in the U. S. it has been a long, harrowing trek from the time when Phyllis Wheatley, first Negro woman poet in the New World, wrote her first verse in 1770 to the day when a Mary McLeod Bethune could shake her finger in the face of a U. S. President in a dramatic plea for Negro rights. It is a journey marked by many defeats and many successes, a pilgrimage for emancipation of race as well as sex that has never ceased despite wars and depressions. But out of the century-long upward climb to freedom has come a brand of leadership among today's modern colored women that can rightly claim an everlasting place in Negro history.

The courage, persistence and pioneering of bold women leaders has meant long uphill strides in the Negro's tortuous climb from the depths of slavery to present-day status as a dynamic entity in American life. Today colored females of the species are doing things undreamed of by their grandmothers. Along with the New Look and Gregory Peck, they have acquired an avid interest in sports and

literature. Their mature conversation is as liable to range the gamut from the Marshall Plan to bebop as to the merits of soap brands and the price of round steak.

Their contribution to a fuller, richer life in the American tradition has been two-fold: they have aided in no small way the general fight of Negroes for integration in a living democracy and they have battled against the traditional enforced inferiority to the U. S. male. In both works, they have had a hard row to hoe. In race relations they have had the handicap of being women and in the struggle for equal rights for their sex, they have carried the crushing burden of color as well.

The final emancipation of their race and their sex remains to be completed, but what has been accomplished thus far comprises a saga of toil and valor unmatched in modern times.

Today's stout-hearted women who stand at the head of the onward march appropriately look back with pride to the glowing traditions handed down by such sterling heroines as Harriet Tubman, illustrious "conductor" on the

Underground Railroad, and Sojourner Truth, who never accepted the myth that women belong to a weaker sex.

There never has been another Harriet Tubman, known as "The Moses of Her People" for her exploits in invading the South 19 times to bring out to freedom more than 300 slaves. No one has stepped forward to claim the mantle of the gnome-like woman who said: "On my underground railroad I never ran a train off the track and I never lost a passenger."

The pilots of today's train of progress for Negro women, bedevilled by left-versus-right partisanship, find it difficult indeed to stay on the track, much less steer a middle course through present-day confusion on possible solutions to the twin spectres darkening their lives: the women's problem and the race problem. But they have acquired a solemn maturity and a heavy sense of responsibility to their sex, their race and their country. On these pages is pictured a cross-section of typical Negro-American womanhood as caught in the camera of Edward Burks.



PUBLIC OFFICIAL

Jean Murrell Capers is assistant police prosecutor of Cleveland, was appointed to the post three years ago by Mayor Thomas A. Burke only a year after passing her bar exam. In her post she represents the city in police court. A public school teacher for five years, she decided to turn to law and studied at the Cleveland Law School. She is active in politics, being vice-president of the Young Democrats of Cuyahoga County, is active in the NAACP and Urban League.

INFLUENCE SPREADS IN NATION



EDUCATOR

Arenia C. Mallory has been a teaching pioneer in Dixie. Although Northerner by birth, she helped found Saints Industrial School at Lexington, Miss., 23 years ago and built it from a small frame schoolhouse to present \$250,000 plant on 350-acre campus. She is now president of institution.



BUSINESSWOMAN

Gertrude E. Anderson built a \$15,000 Birmingham candy business out of a hobby during the depression years. Spelman College graduate employs 11 people in candy manufacture, distributes her Nanette Homemade Candies throughout the South. Before starting business in 1934, she was a teacher in Birmingham high schools. She is active in local civic and religious circles and is a member of Iota Phi Lambda sorority. New venture for her is finance company she organized.

YESTERDAY'S Negro woman was a bruised, downtrodden and helpless human, moving wearisomely to shake loose the chains fastened on by race prejudice and the arrogance of the male ego. Illiteracy among Negro females was shockingly high, job careers painfully restricted and their political strength untested and largely dormant. The Negro woman was

a drudge, a peon and a benighted stepchild of industry and the farm.

Today's Negro woman is a much more liberated being, not only in terms of her thinking but also in actual rights enjoyed. Hobbled by Jim Crow, she still manages to keep up with the pace of advance set by her less-encumbered white sister. She is more independent,



LAWYER

Elsie Austin has held top-level legal jobs for number of years. Now on staff of National Labor Relations Board, she served as Ohio assistant attorney general for two years. Former head of Delta sorority has practiced law in Cincinnati, was a delegate to United Nations organizing conference.



WRITER

Sue Bailey Thurman is official historian of the National Council of Negro Women, was first editor of its Aframerican Journal. Wife of famed co-pastor Howard Thurman of San Francisco's mixed Fellowship Church, she is currently working on a book about church. She has contributed to several anthologies.



DEMOCRAT

Jeanetta Welch Brown was the first Negro woman to stand for any political office in the state of Michigan, polling 213,000 votes as a candidate for the legislature in 1946 and barely being defeated. A Tennessee State graduate, she has been a teacher, newspaperwoman and lobbyist and was formerly a deputy state chairman of Michigan Democratic women's organization as well as a state central committee woman. She is executive director of National Council of Negro Women.

healthier, better educated, intellectually more aware and culturally more alive than her counterpart a generation ago.

Recognized and wooed by advertisers and politicians alike, the Negro woman is a powerful influence pervading the nation. This influence has spread out beyond the Deep South cabin and the urban home into the whole wide

range of professional work and the arts, where Negro women have made small but significant progress. Before World War II Negro women comprised 4½ per cent of all women professional and semi-professional workers. In 1947 6½ per cent of these workers were Negro women.

Negro women have demonstrated academic



REPUBLICAN

Eunice Hunton Carter has been prominent in New York GOP politics for 15 years since joining the staff of ambitious Thomas E. Dewey, when he was New York's district attorney in the 30's. In her job as assistant D.A., the former social worker spent ten years under Dewey helping to uncover and smash the city's biggest rackets. Holder of a Fordham University law degree, she practices from a Fifth Avenue office today and is the wife of Dr. Lyle S. Carter.

capabilities in a score of learned sciences and professions. Thus between 1941 and 1943, some 38 Negro women earned Ph.D.'s. The rate of progress can be seen in the fact that in the preceding 66-year period (1876-1940) only 26 Negro women won the coveted doctorates. In colleges, both Negro and white, they are professors, instructors and administrators.



LECTURER

Henrine Ward Banks has been telling audiences around the nation about her travel experiences since her return from Europe and Africa last year. She tours with British-born husband Edward Banks, whom she met while in wartime work with the Red Cross. She has taught at Fisk and Bethune-Cookman.



SERVICEWOMAN

Harriet West was the second Negro woman to reach the rank of major in World War II, has served in the WAC for six years. Graduate of Kansas State College, she worked as one of Mary McLeod Bethune's secretaries for seven years prior to entering service. She is now in Adjutant General's office in Washington.



SORORITY HEAD

Alice P. Allen of Birmingham is national president of Iota Phi Lambda which has 2,000 members in 80 chapters. Graduate of Knoxville College and the University of Chicago, she is currently assistant to the president of Miles College and heads its division of business administration.

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Beginning position of bop hop with dancers back to back and palms together is demonstrated by dance team of Frances Taylor and Walter Nicks and band leader Benny Goodman and his vocalist, Martha Tilton.

Formal finish to bop hop has partners greeting each other by changing hats with knees bent and arms crossed. Dance team, signed to three-year contract by Goodman, claims bop hop gives lie to bop-haters who claim bop has no rhythm.

HOW TO DO THE BOP HOP

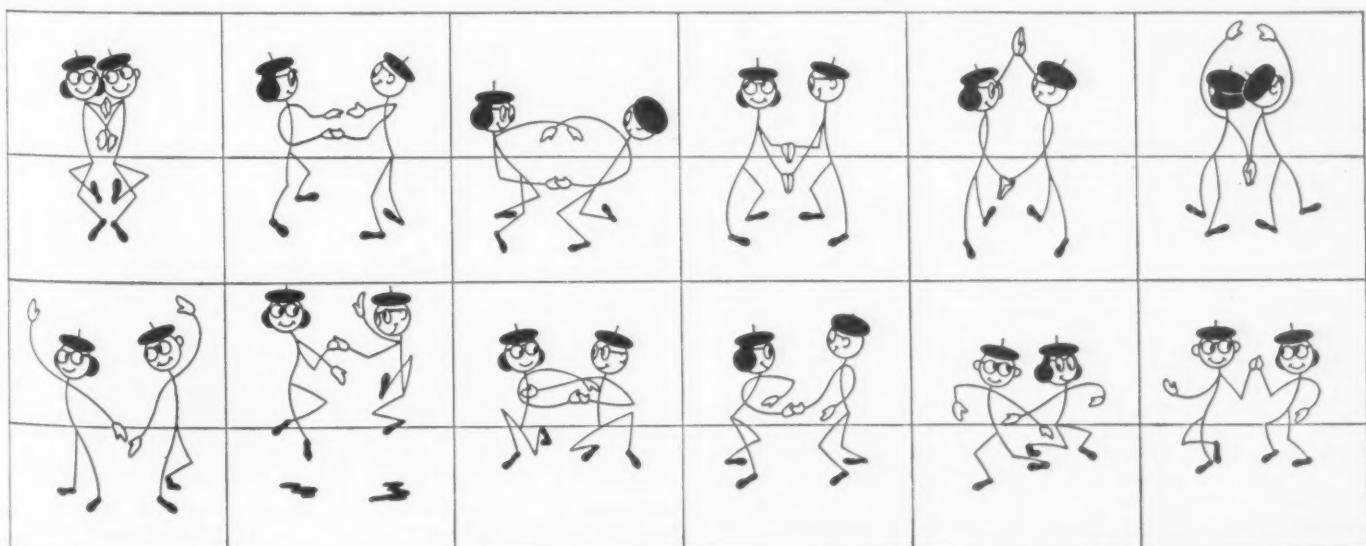
Bop-converted Benny Goodman band introduces new dance step on tour

BIGGEST DILEMMA of bebop addicts since the "new music" has caught on in night spots around the nation has been the virtual impossibility of dancing conventional fox-trot or jitterbug style to the off-beat rhythm. To meet the need for a new dance to fit the "new music," two ex-Katherine Dunham dancers have devised a new dance floor routine—the bop hop.

Signed up by prewar Swing King Benny

Goodman, the duo—Walter Nicks of Cleveland and Frances Taylor of Chicago—will be demonstrating their new dance to audiences all over the country this summer and fall with the band. Goodman is on the comeback trail and has a new band which has gone "bop" in every way. The bop hop will be one of the features through which he hopes to capture again his once-loyal following of jitterbugs and Lindyhoppers.

The new dance was originated and introduced by the team of Nicks and Taylor after watching struggling couples trying to fit bebop into jitterbug styles. "The feet just couldn't do it," says Nicks. "They'd start to break into a new step and do a new dip but didn't know what to do. So we just decided to make up a new dance to go with the new music." Steps of the new dance are illustrated (below) in bop-toons by ex-Walt Disney artist Freddie Rice.



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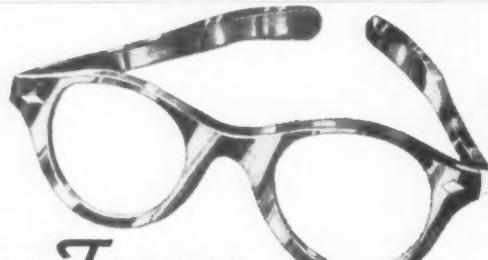
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Rocking from side to side begins, starting with palms touching and dancers close together.



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Actual hop of bop hop is high leap into air with bent knees that twist in air like corkscrew.

Partners cross each other, using both arms going forward in little arcs as they toss.

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Using hands **outstretched** typical of be-bop greeting, "Give me some skin," dancers start the "dip" coming toward each other dipping, then pulling apart. This is done as many times as is in keeping with rhythm of music.



Begin turn with arms still overhead, turning outside from each other. Movements are free and easy.



Finish turn facing each other. Turn is done four times during dance routine by team.



Bop kick is done by bending of support knee and lifting tilt of pelvis instead of lifting leg. There are two kicks to each beat. Kick is similar to the face-peck movement of Big Apple of some years back.

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Popular singer tells how



Peak of career came for Billie Holiday in her selection as nation's top female vocalist by Esquire. Award was presented by radio star Arthur Godfrey. Moving "Strange Fruit" was one of her first successes as a recording.



In movies for first time, Billie co-starred with Louis Armstrong in *New Orleans*. Termed musician's musician, she has been called greatest living jazz singer. One disapproving vocalist once jibed at her: "Billie sings like her shoes are too tight."

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friends all over the country cheering me on and telling me they were pulling for me. That melted my heart and gave me increased courage with which to face the outside world.

Cured For Good

narcotic detail and dope peddlers harass her, won't let her live normal life again

BY BILLIE HOLIDAY

human can endure. Few people know about this aspect of my comeback. There have been barriers placed in the way of my return to my profession and obstacles thrown up to prevent my living again as a free citizen in this great democracy of ours.

I have been worried and harassed almost to death in an effort to keep me from making a successful adjustment after the end of a very unhappy chapter in my life.

After over 14 months of being "free," I am beginning to understand the age-old plight of the man who broke a law and paid his penalty to society only to be denied the right to come back and make good as a law-abiding citizen determined to live a decent, happy life.

Sure, I made a mistake, a serious one, and I paid for it. Being on a drug habit is a fantastically costly predicament. In the year preceding my imprisonment, I spent an average of \$500 each week to satisfy this deadly craving. That's a whole lot of money. I don't blame anyone but myself for what happened. Nobody held a gun to my head and made me do what I did.

But, as I say, I paid and I paid plenty. Maybe I paid too much. Having paid an awful price for that slip-up, I think I have a right to a fair chance to show the world I'm off the stuff for good, that I want to live a decent, simple life and sing the songs

that people like to hear. I think I have a right to ask that I be given the fullest opportunity to regain the ground I lost when the sentence was pronounced on me in that Philadelphia court room.

It will be remembered that I originally volunteered to take a government-supervised cure. This was the result of some serious thinking on my part. You've got to fight this thing, Billie, I told myself, over and over again. I was tired of ducking and hiding, and wanted to come clean once and for all and live the rest of my life unafraid, and with my head high. People were shocked when I walked into Judge J. Cullen Ganey's courtroom in Philadelphia and stated: "I would like to plead guilty and be sent to a hospital." I was committed to the West Virginia Hospital for a year and a day.

The year I spent in that institution was very trying. It was very hard at the beginning when I was deprived of the stuff abruptly with no tapering-off program. It was strictly the "cold turkey" treatment, and let me tell you it was rough. The first 19 days were sheer hell for me. After that it was a little easier but still rugged in contrast to my former life. I started out as a "Cinderella," washing dishes and peeling potatoes. After that I was assigned to work with the pigs on the farm. Once I had to

pick up a 75-pound porkie and strained myself. Another time I passed out from sunstroke. It was no picnic.

Jim Crow was the rule everywhere. Out of 650 women at Alderson, 500 were Negroes. We Negroes were rigidly segregated. We ate separately, slept separately and went to church on Sunday at different times. That, of course, was a real drag. I came out of that place with a greater determination to fight against discrimination.

There were any number of heart-warming experiences, though. The women there were absolutely wonderful and I made many good friends. The superintendent was real sweet to me. She used to tell me, "Billie, I've never heard you sing. When you leave here, I intend to catch your first opening." Sure enough, when I opened in Frank Palumbo's Philadelphia night club, Miss Hirominous, the superintendent, was there to applaud my opening set. That gave me a big bang.

All over the country people let me know they were with me in my fight for readjustment. I had received a moving indication of my public's loyalty on the day I left that place in West Virginia. That day I was given three big boxes of mail that had been sent to me during my ten months there which I had been unable to receive. They contained over 3,000 letters from



Jailed for using heroin, Billie was sentenced to a year and a day in federal reformatory. She was released with 72 days off for good behavior. She gained 30 pounds in prison, gave concert of 32 songs at Carnegie Hall 11 days after release.



Anxious for peaceful home life, Billie resents hounding of narcotics agents. She spends much time reading in off hours. She prefers light fiction, reads comic books by the dozen. She cares for Mister, 4-year-old boxer, with motherly solicitude.

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friends all over the country cheering me on and telling me they were pulling for me. That melted my heart and gave me increased courage with which to face the outside world.

I came out expecting to be allowed to go to work and to start with a clean slate and write a new chapter in my life. When I emerged from that institution I was happy and eager to get working again. My mind was teeming with all kinds of plans, things I wanted to do, people I wanted to talk to and thank for their support during my imprisonment. I wanted a new home somewhere in the country close to New York; I wanted to escape from the old oppressive environment which had caused so much tragedy in my life; I wanted to buy a complete new wardrobe and see how I would look in the New Look. I wanted to enjoy a quiet home life, to enjoy the pride of motherhood. Above all I wanted to work, to sing my heart out and make people happy.

Police Won't Let Her Live Down Past

THOSE were my plans. That's what I wanted to do. Well, it all hasn't happened according to plan. Determined to remake my entire life, I sought spiritual guidance from the Catholic Church to which I belong. My priest was extremely helpful to me in those first weeks and helped me chart the course I should travel in order to build my life upon new strong foundations.

Some of the things I have done: I spent some \$30,000 on new clothes, gowns and a wonderful fur coat. I bought a new Cadillac, sleek and pea green. I bought a little piece of land in Morristown, New Jersey, and started to build my "dream house" there.

The public's response to my work has been terrific. I got some swell bookings and a wonderful reception from my fans all over the land. I broke attendance records in club after club and made a host of new friends. I mean real friends. That has been the most satisfying part of the whole experience.

But there is a negative side too. The police have been particularly vindictive, hounding, heckling and harassing me beyond endurance. As a result of their insidious pressure I have been frowned upon and sneered at in certain quarters. A few tongues have wagged maliciously. I have thus been frustrated in achieving certain of my fondest dreams and hopes. Living down my past has not been at all easy. Backdoor snoopers and keyhole artists, operating with the sanction of law, have made it well nigh impossible.

Under the nasty pressure of shifty-eyed Hawkshaws and relentless gumshoe artists from various narcotics bureaus, my life has been made miserable. These people have dogged my footsteps from New York to San Francisco and all the territory in between. They have allowed me no peace. Wherever I go they track me down and ask me nasty questions about the company I keep and my habits. They have plagued my life and interfered with my singing career. They have done more than that. They are trying to bar the way to my happy return to society.

Recently the New York Police Department refused to issue me a cabaret performer's license which is required of all persons working in that city's night clubs. Because of this I was unable to fulfill a four weeks engagement at the Royal Roost, which would have paid me \$3,000 a week. The pretext used to deny me the right to work was my prison record. The police authorities who regulate the local night club industry decided that I wasn't fit to be granted a cabaret performer's license although many other night club employees with police records are licensed and working. This is what I mean by the negative side of my readjustment to society.

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I APPEARED at the Strand Theatre on Broadway last summer drawing the biggest crowds in that theatre's history. I appeared at the Civic Opera House in Chicago for Disc Jockey Al Benson and was told to be sure and get my money in front because no colored attraction of this kind had ever done business. The rest is history. The affair drew an all-time box office gathering at the huge auditorium. Eleven days after my release, I

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packed world-famous Carnegie Hall for a concert there.

I have never missed a performance although there were times that I appeared when I was so ill I could hardly speak above a whisper. On one occasion I suffered with laryngitis so badly while appearing at Club Ebony that my good friend Sarah Vaughan came to my dressing room and insisted that I take a rest; she offered to appear for me. This she did for two days, but I couldn't stay away any longer for fear of more unkind remarks. Risking possible permanent injury to my voice, I sang against advice of my doctors, always mindful of the old tradition that "The show must go on."

This, then, is my complaint: When will the police lay off me and allow me to earn a living honestly, and in a dignified way? I broke a law, was sentenced, went to jail, served my time and came out. I was on parole and fulfilled all of the requirements of a parolee. I stayed away from my old haunts, and for a while lived in New Jersey with the parents of my pianist, Bobby Tucker. In accordance with the law, I reported faithfully to my parole officer who, at the end of the parole period, told me I was discharged and on my own again. I received an excellent letter of discharge. I expected it would be my passport to full freedom and the police authorities would cease their supervision over me. But I was wrong.

Cured Completely Of Drug Habit

I'VE been followed until I was ready to tear my hair and scream at the top of my lungs. Investigators have prowled around my hotels asking all kinds of embarrassing questions of people who know me. They have stormed into my dressing room and, after being unable to find anything, given me grave warnings.

Then what happened? Nasty little stories started to drift about concerning me. Certain Negro newspapers forgot their responsibility as public institutions and dreamed up some pretty fantastic yarns. They made some grim predictions about my future. It was rumored that I was "back on the stuff," that I couldn't stay away from it and was doomed to a life of drug addiction. I've been infuriated by these vicious reports but have been powerless to reply in kind even though there were times when I dearly wished I could.

I wish to state categorically that I was cured completely and finally of my drug habit, and that since leaving the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, I have never looked at the stuff, much less used it.

It's been a long, hard road to that house in the country where I want to wind up, read books, listen to records and make a happy home. It's a tough grind getting there, but I'll make it one day. Some people think I'm kidding when I tell them of my plans, tell them of the kind of life I want to live. They smile when I talk about my dream of getting out into the clean air of the countryside and living like any other American housewife.

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wants? If it's "square" to settle down, raise a family and live cleanly, honestly and decently, then count me among the "squares." That's what I want. But I have found out that it is not easy to get. It's been an awful struggle. Trouble and more trouble piled up on me. Misfortune seemed to follow me everywhere. I had a dishonest personal manager who took me to the "cleaners" to the tune of \$6,000, most of my first earnings following my confinement. Other large sums that belonged to me were squandered by unscrupulous handlers, money that had accumulated for me during my imprisonment. These charges are not directed against the Associated Booking Corporation whose president, Mr. Joe Glaser, has been my friend and confidante.

I have been caught between the crossfire of narcotic agents and drug peddlers and it's been wicked. Last summer a group of Federal investigators stalked into the Club Ebony in New York, where I was appearing, entered my dressing room and took a good look around. As they got ready to leave, the head man came over to me and shook his finger in my face.

"You better watch your step, sister," he snarled. I broke down and cried.

"Why won't they let me alone?" I asked myself. "Aren't they ever going to give me any peace?"

This snooping and badgering has driven me practically out of my mind. While appearing in Los Angeles, some months ago, a Federal narcotic agent went to my booking agent and questioned him about my whereabouts and movements. In Chicago, another visited the hotel where I was staying, questioned the staff about me. I have been made to appear a fugitive from justice whereas I have already paid my debt to society.

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THIS relentless pressure culminated last January 22 in a staged raid on my hotel room in San Francisco where I was fulfilling an otherwise successful engagement. The whole operation was a phony from first to last. After a mysterious telephone call which was made to me, the narcotics men broke in without a search warrant and went directly into the bathroom. One of them came out holding a tiny supply of a substance alleged to be opium which was wrapped in cellophane. I had never seen it before.

I charge that this so-called opium was planted in my room. I have never touched opium, don't know what it looks like,



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treated like a common criminal. One sometimes is tempted to consider doing frightful things in order to end it all.



Singing stance of Billie is remarkably simple and free from gestures. She crooks her right arm and keeps time with rhythm with circular motion. On tour she carries case with 50 of favorite recordings to play in dressing room.

I'M CURED NOW *Continued*

wouldn't know what to do with it if I were handed some on a silver plate.

Following my arrest in San Francisco, my lawyer, J. W. Ehrlich, offered to disprove any charges that I had gone back on the drug habit by agreeing to have me submit to any narcotics test medical science had devised. I was willing to abide by the results of all tests made. That offer was pointedly ignored by the authorities. Instead they pressed for an indictment which took place on February 11.

Nevertheless, after consulting John Levy, my personal manager, I decided that, regardless of the decision of the authorities to ignore my offer, to take the tests anyway at my own expense and prove to the officials that I am not using drugs. My personal physician, Dr. Herbert B. Henderson, made the necessary arrangements, and I committed myself to a state-supervised sanitarium in San Francisco, where I remained five days undergoing the tests under the supervision of five doctors. Dr. Henderson was not even allowed to visit me. The results of these tests were turned over to the court as evidence that I am not a drug addict.

I hope that this action will prove to my faithful friends and fans, who have confidence in me, that I am not using "junk."

How many times must I tell the world that I'm through with drugs and only want to be left in peace?

Thought Of Suicide Once

I'VE not only had a rough time at the hands of narcotic agents, at least one of whom seems determined to make me the means of securing a promotion, but when I first came back I was the object of some intensive high-pressure salesmanship from drug peddlers. These low characters tried everything in an effort to make me return to using drugs. I finally convinced them that I was through with their kind and told them so in no uncertain language.

I've had some pretty bitter experiences with these types. Nevertheless, certain of these merchants of death anxious to increase their trade made vile threats to me in an effort to try to make me a customer again. Well, I didn't fall for this vicious line.

These men are a cancer on our society. They are not only always on the alert for new and unfortunate victims, but they constantly seek to force cured former drug-users back on the "habit."

It seems to me that the energies and efforts of our law enforcement agencies should be concentrated on the task of rooting out the real evil—the drug rings and their nefarious agents who still prowl this land in alarming numbers. One gets tired of being

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treated like a common criminal. One sometimes is tempted to consider doing frightful things in order to end it all.

I can now reveal that the hounding and pressure drove me last February to think of trying the last solution—death. Following my arrest and indictment in San Francisco, I went into the emotional doldrums. I brooded and fretted. My mind wandered back across the hectic passageways of my life. I thought about my childhood in Baltimore, and of the insecurities and frustrations which beset me almost from the start. My mother's face came back to me with all of its sweetness and Christian strength.

"You've got to struggle to live," I seemed to hear her saying. All of the disappointments and disasters and childhood deprivations of those early years came back to me. I saw again the parental difficulties and the final separation which left me practically alone in the rough and ready world of the streets, to fight and fend for myself.

I remembered my first singing jobs in Harlem when at the age of 14 I went to work in clubs. There was the Hotcha Club. There was Mexico's on 133rd Street. Mexico's was where I got my first bitter blow. I'll never forget it.

The proprietor of Mexico's sold out one day with two weeks' salary coming to me. The new owner was a very mean man. It was a cold winter that year and I needed a coat. I put a \$5 deposit down on one in a downtown store and waited to be paid the two weeks' salary so that I could get it out and be warm. I went to the boss and said, "Please give me my money. I want to get my coat."

He said, "Girlie, I don't give a damn about your coat, that's your problem," and walked off. I didn't get my coat that winter.

Working in Harlem in those early years was often tough and uncertain. I was pretty young and impressionable. Then I was easily hurt. I remembered vividly the hectic one night stands of the first long tour with Count Basie's band. I remembered that it was Lester Young who dubbed me "Lady Day" because of my insistence that the musicians shouldn't use coarse language when women were about. I remembered my adventures with the Artie Shaw band. All of the clubs I had worked with from Greenwich Village to Central Avenue in Los Angeles passed across my vision in a long procession. I saw it all in retrospect and a glimmering of understanding of some of the difficulties that have dogged my footsteps began to dawn on me.

I got up and went down to Cafe Society, the club where I was working. It was a big night and the audience was perfectly grand. They called me back for encore after encore. I was terribly moved. My morale went way up.

That night when I returned to the hotel, I began thinking again. This is the time to fight, Billie, I told myself over and over again. It's now or never.

Goes To See Psychiatrist

I DIDN'T end it all. Instead I went to sleep, rose early and went to see my dearest friend in California who suggested I see her psychiatrist. I had several interviews with the psychiatrist and felt a whole lot better after that. What made me feel particularly proud was the fact that I had fought down an urge to die, that I had regained the will to live.

I'm still fighting back and I intend to win. For this is a fight for my dignity, my integrity, for my very life.

In John Levy, my personal manager, I have a wonderful, loyal friend who has stood by me through all my recent trials. I have turned over my entire life to him and I think he's managing it all right. I don't know how I'd have survived without his help and guidance. He knows what I want. I feel that other performers of my race who want to get to the top should have a Negro manager. Joe Louis, for one, has done very well for himself, I think with colored managers, so why shouldn't I?

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South America and the Caribbean. But the stay-at-homes will find this year a better choice of Negro vacation spots than ever before. A reflection of the better financial status of Negro America, a whole new crop of seaside resorts, mountain lodges and country homes are putting out attractive lures for the buyers of sunshine, sand and surf.

Negro travellers will go further and demand more in the way of comfort and pleasure this summer. While old and reliable standbys such as 56-year-old Elsinore Inn in California and well-worn cottages in Massachusetts' Oak Bluffs and Michigan's Idlewild will get their share of customers, the swing is to a number of ultra-modern private spas, stream-



Wink's Panorama Lodge, high up in Rockies, has for 25 years been retreat for visitors from New York to California. Cole Creek is favorite trout stream.

lined country clubs and a dude ranch or two which have sprung up since V-J day. Some are exclusive membership clubs like swank Lee Haven Beach Club on a private island in Long Island Sound and the Holly Knoll, a private Capahosic, Virginia, club of nationally-known professionals who maintain a colonial manor house on the York River. Lee Haven probably harbors more yachts than any Negro spa in the world.

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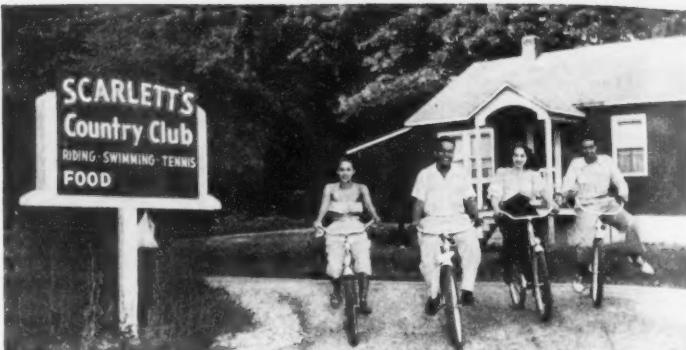
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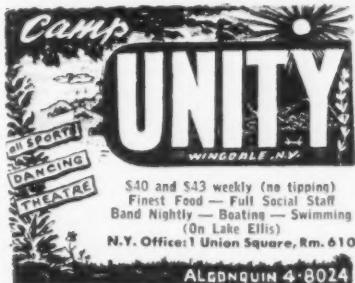
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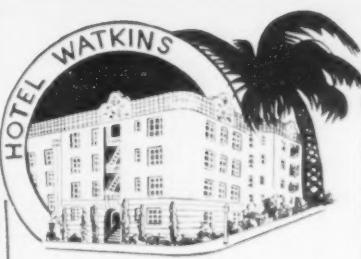
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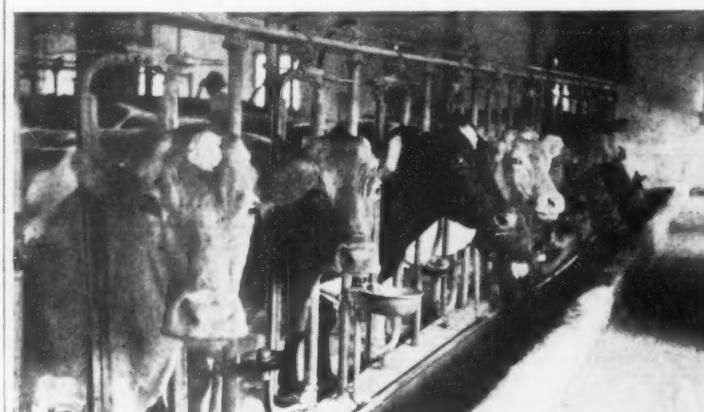
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At the opposite end of the country and offering a far-different type of vacation is Wink's Panorama Lodge, probably the oldest Negro-owned mountain retreat in the West. Because a realty promoter insisted on advertising hotel facilities where there was no hotel, Wendall "Winks" Hamlet, Denver coal and wood dealer, began taking guests in his mountain lodge as early as 1924. However, the place was not opened officially until nine years ago. When the YWCA went interracial, Winks enlarged his operations by purchasing the eight summer cabins formerly occupied by Negro girls. He now entertains 500 guests a season, plans to add more cabins, a heated swimming pool, golf links and riding horses.

Another mountain lodge is Mrs. Julia John's Anchor Inn, 1807 feet high up in the famous Pocono range of Pennsylvania. The natural beauty of rugged mountains covered with rhododendrons and laurel account for much of its popularity. Lake Drew Country Club at Ludingtonville, New York in the foothills of the beautiful Berkshires 56 miles out of New York, boasts of a sapphire lake and waterfall.



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LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

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While father sets the pace, it seems evident that the son also rises. Some, like young Paul

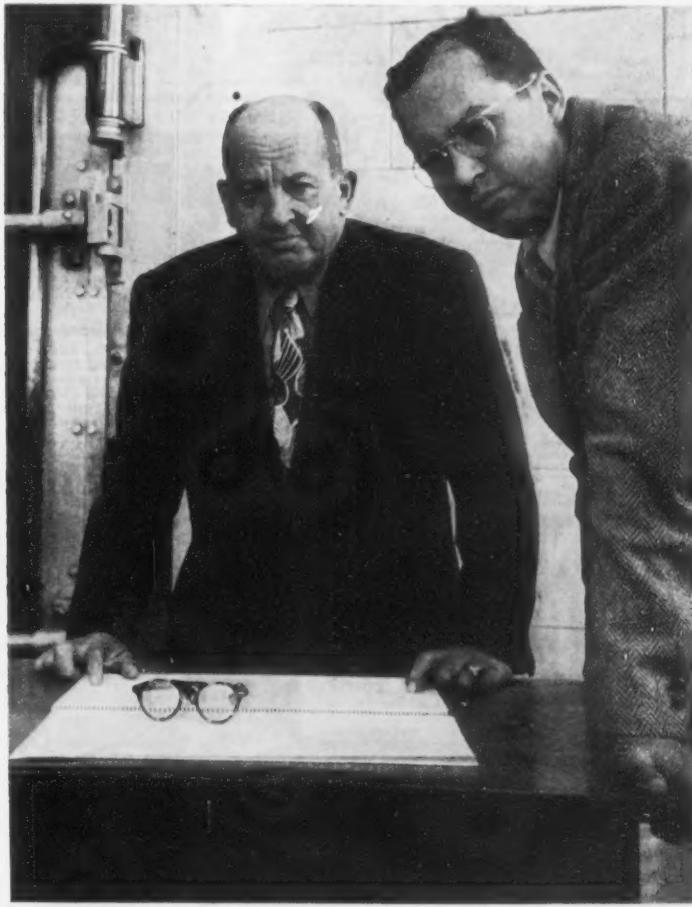
Robeson, aspire to different careers, but others like the publishing clan of Youngs in Norfolk build a three-generation tradition (their ex-slave grandfather ran a small weekly). In many cases Dad can help Junior be better prepared to follow in his footsteps but the son has to have the makings as Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., proved by coming out of West Point to become a ranking airman and match the attainments of B. O., Sr., first Negro general in the U.S. Army.



The Wilkinses are a brilliant scholastic team. Both J. Ernest, Sr. and Jr., won Phi Beta Kappa keys in college. The father is a successful Chicago lawyer, the son a math wizard who got his Ph.D. at 19 and helped work on the atom bomb research.



The Davises have had the most distinguished military careers of any U.S. Negroes. Benjamin O., Sr., was the first Negro to become a general while his son was the first Negro to head an Air Corps Group. Young Davis graduated from West Point.



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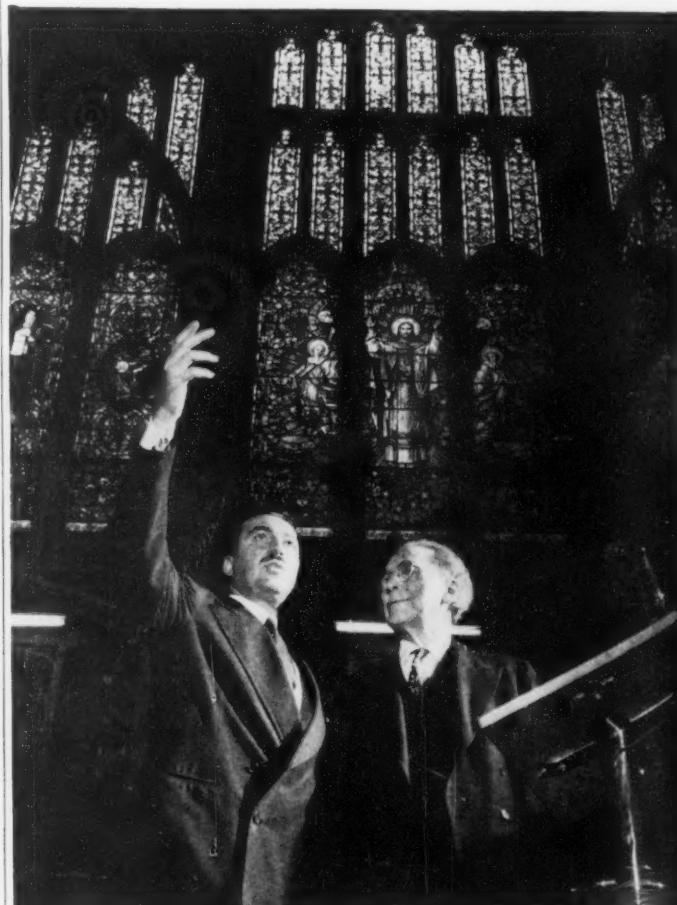


The Robesons have both won athletic fame. Although brought up and educated in Russia, Junior went to Cornell to excel in football and track. Young Robeson is not a singer or actor like Paul, Sr. though. He hopes to be an engineer.

SONS OFTEN FIND LONG, TOUGH

WHETHER the son decides early or late to pattern after dad, it usually gives father no end of parental satisfaction to see the "like father, like son" axiom become a reality. Some are so anxious to have their youngsters follow in their path that they do as one businessman who tacked "And Son" onto his firm's name a few days after his offspring was born.

Although dad sometimes watches his son outshine him, usually it is a long tough climb before ambitious "Junior" completely fills the old



The Powells have been high in Harlem religious life for decades, Adam Clayton, Jr. following Sr. into the pulpit of the century-old Abyssinian Baptist Church. Both have authored books. The younger was elected Harlem's first Negro congressman.



The Youngs have been in the publishing field for three decades. P.B., Sr. (center) followed family tradition in starting the Norfolk Journal and Guide. Sons Thomas (left) and P.B., Jr., now run paper after college training in newspaper work.

CLIMB IN EMULATING FATHERS

man's shoes. Occasionally youngsters set their sights on a glamorous future that detours from dad's profession but once out of their teens such swashbuckling ideas are abandoned for the firm security of a team with experienced Senior.

Often the father-son combination is more than just a business or professional team. The "chip" resembles the "block" in tastes for clothes, food and politics. Typical carbon copies are Mercer and Duke Ellington with the son even-tempered like his famous father.



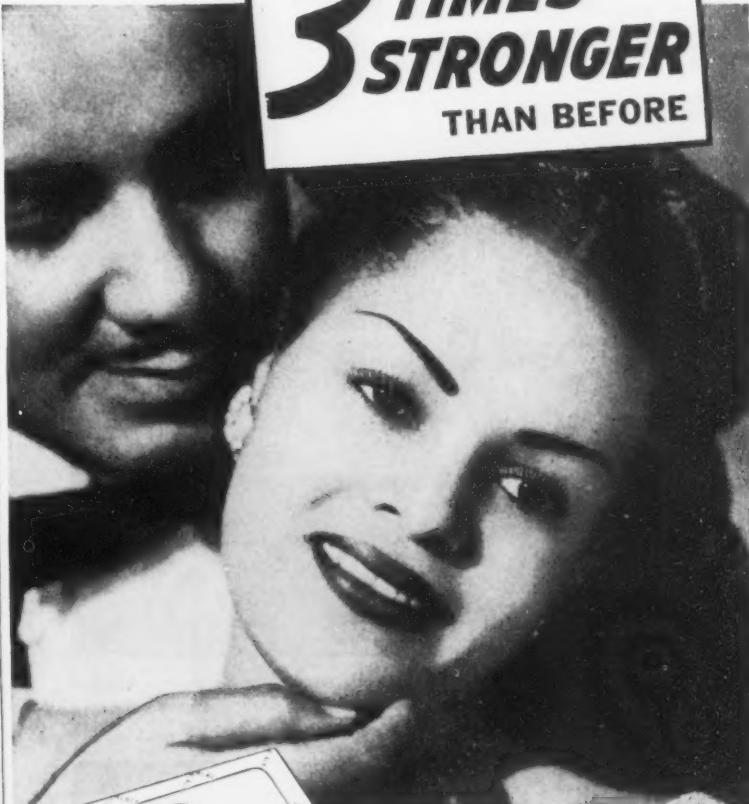
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Checking on program are Dr. Cornelius N. Garland and granddaughter, Joan Garland Smith. Now at Radcliffe College, Joan had brilliant debut last year. Dr. Garland, Boston's richest physician, is veteran at Oak Bluffs summer colony.



Staying up late for an early start at Boston culture is 4-year-old A. Carew Kelton who is all dressed up for his night out at the Pops. Main idea of Pops is to provide public with good music at low admission and in informal, congenial atmosphere.

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SOME ELITE BALK AT MIXING WITH PUBLIC AT POP CONCERT

NOT ALL of brown Boston is represented at the Pops on Colored American Night. Many of those who attended the first Colored American Night belatedly realized that it was not an inner circle affair of social elite and that the general public included many people of color. In succeeding years the attendance of these formal-minded socialites has dropped off since they will not attend any affair at which Negroes en masse are present.

One of Boston's professional men in the exclusive Beacon Hill section, whose practice is white by preference, has a policy of never attending any function where one other person of color is expected as a guest. Such socialites, and there are several, prefer a limited relationship with two or three white friends and skip Colored American Night on their calendars.

For the most part the socialites prefer to live in those neighborhoods of the city and suburbs where there are few, if any, of their kind. The color prejudice that is often attributed to them is largely due to a deep-rooted embarrassment at being conspicuous.

Perhaps more than any other Negro group they are most nearly identical with the whites of their city in speech, in manner, in temperament. This gives the false feeling of physical identity, too. They belong to that group whose forebears were Boston bred, and traditionally used to association with whites. Before the mass arrival of their Southern brothers, they were too few to be a problem, and were an integral part of the community life, which centered around church activities.

But the arriving Negroes, because their behavior was quite different from that of older colored Bostonians and because they were numerous enough to constitute an economic and social problem, were unwelcome in white churches. When, with time, they acquired their own, inevitably all Negroes were expected to worship together.

Thus the social relationships between colored and white decreased with each decade.

Shut off from former relationships, unready for friendships with the black newcomers, the "old Bostonians" became a special group. Since they lived in widely separated areas, clubs were formed as insurance of regular gatherings.

This intimacy established years ago, is what constitutes Old Family. There are professionals in the group, but there are also Pullman porters. There are rich men, but there are poor men, too. There are fair men, but there are many dark men. Outwardly entry rules seem completely flexible. But there is no point of penetration. This seemingly loose mass is an impregnable entity, for there is no way to enter it unless one is born into it.

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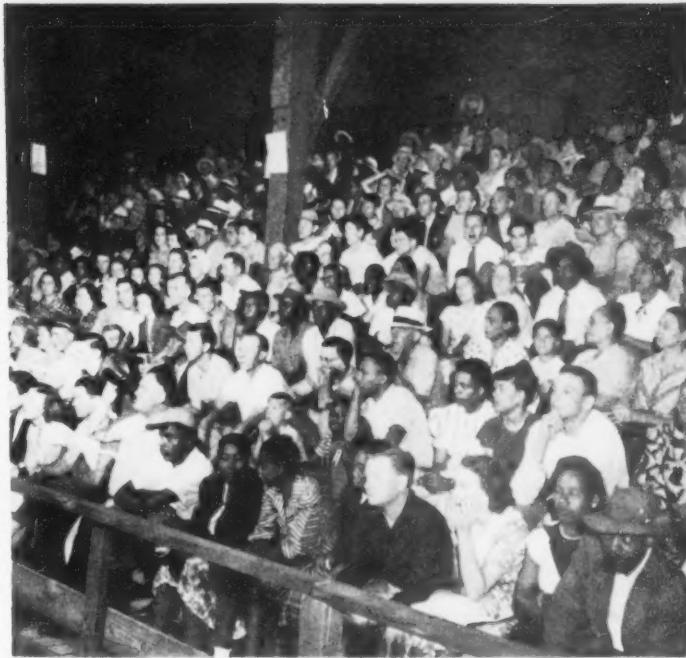
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Pre-game pep talk is given starting lineup of mixed Lexington Hustlers by Manager Carl "Butch" Glass. Team has regular schedule of two night games and one Sunday contest per week. Flat guarantee of \$10 per game is given each player.



Unsegregated rooters in stands for 3,000 at club's own field cheer home club. Park is one of the most modern semi-pro fields in the South, occasionally is jammed with crowds of 5,000, including those standing around outfield.

DIXIE'S FIRST MIXED BASEBALL TEAM

Negro-owned Lexington Hustlers sign white players and play before audience of mixed Kentucky rooters without friction

TO GLOOMY, pessimistic prophets of the doom of Negro baseball due to the admission of colored players into the major leagues, a wide-awake Negro-owned team in "Old Kentucky" is a forceful rebuttal. As the South's first interracial nine, the hard-hitting, classy Lexington Hustlers are proving that the Jackie Robinson experiment works— even when tested in reverse. In the Blue Grass state where Jim Crow is written into state law, Negro and white diamond stars are playing America's No. 1 pastime side by side and winning plaudits of thousands of loyal fans of both races.

For three seasons now the colored club has been using white ball players in its lineup under Manager Carl "Butch" Glass' policy which he explains: "All I ask for is a ball player, regardless of color." Playing before crowds which are usually divided 50-50 between white and colored rooters (including top city officials from the mayor down), the Hustlers have caused no racial friction between athletes or fans. They have chalked up a record that marks them as one of the top semi-pro teams in the state. Mainly a combination of ex-college and pro performers, the mixed club has played at least three top clubs in the Negro

leagues and beaten them several times.

Manager Glass explains the success of his team this way: "The mixed player idea keeps the spirit at a higher peak among teammates as well as spectators." White athletes, who on their own sought positions with the Hustlers, have been important in making the team a crack competitor in semi-pro circles (they won 38, lost 15 last season). Seven of the 19 men on the squad are white and one, first-string catcher Charles "Chuck" Settle, led the club in batting and fielding last year and was picked by the vote of fans to get a trophy as the most valuable player. A baseball coach at the University of Kentucky, the husky Settle joined the club last year so that he could play while taking graduate courses at Transylvania University.

First white to join the Negro nine was Lexington-born, 21-year-old Bobby Flynn, a second baseman who pulled on the team's toggery back in 1947. After one successful season with the club, Bobby got worked up over interracial baseball and later talked other white players into joining the colored outfit. His chief selling point was his argument: "Playing of white with colored helps to promote racial relationships down here."



Slow curve ball by Hustler star hurler Salvatore Matazzio is caught by telephoto lens just before opposing batter swings and misses.

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Ranking star on Lexington nine is scrappy catcher Charles "Chuck" Settle, who led team at bat with .397 mark last year. Settle was with Baltimore Orioles in International League where he played against Jackie Robinson.



Dugout on Hustlers' side of home field is always interracial. Once racial strife threatened when white opposing player started using racial epithets. White Hustler walked over to him and told him not to use offensive language.



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YOUNGSTERS OF BOTH RACES ARE MOST ARDENT ROOTERS

BIG SUCCESS of the Lexington Hustlers on the diamond can be traced to smart strategy of 51-year-old pilot "Butch" Glass who picked up his baseball know-how while playing on Negro big league clubs and World War I military outfits. Glass, onetime star hurler for the Memphis Red Sox, Chicago American Giants and Cleveland White Sox, has equipped the Hustlers with some shrewd tactics more common to major league ball teams than to semi-pro nines.

Glass' handling of the mixed club is his first such experience. But interracial baseball is nothing new to the 5-foot-9, 220-pound Butch who once played as lone Negro on a Fort McDowell, Cal., white team.

White team members on the Hustler squad get high praise from skipper Glass who says: "I have found them to be attentive, trustworthy and as our name, hustlers. They help to make the team just what it should be."

As the first whites on a Negro team in Dixie, these performers have met with only a few "incidents" as protests against their playing with colored baseballers. One says he faced strong resentment from "ignorant, narrow-minded whites when I first joined the Lexington team. I sort of put those few to shame, however, and it's a different picture now. Those onetime prejudiced townspeople now come out to see us and root for us."

Most ardent of these backers are the white and Negro kids who trek to the ball park before game time to play toss with the players. A white youngster is mascot, a little Negro lad is bat boy.

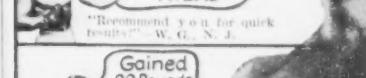
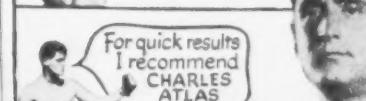
As one white player put it, "All the kids pull for us. Children are not prejudiced naturally. If a child discriminates you can be sure his parents are the cause."

Another white Hustler, Rhode Island-born, ace pitcher Salvatore Matarazzo, is quick to fight any kind of "color" baseball. "Any good baseball helps the sport," argues Matarazzo. "The fact that the team is mixed has nothing to do with it. Baseball is baseball, not color-line baseball."

The 25-year-old Salvatore admits, however, that he gets his biggest kick when the Hustlers trounce the rival white Kentucky team from Georgetown which he says, "lives to beat us for racial reasons."

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By Freda DeKnight



Spread for Houston pinafore lawn party features tiny cutout dog sandwiches (left), tuna-topped tomato slices (center) ham and egg carrots and fruit punch. Hostess was Mrs. Valentine Minor, wife of Dr. Walter Minor, who has beautiful Houston home and two cars.



Mothers at Houston party were Mrs. James Lyman, hostess Mrs. Valentine Minor, Mrs. Martha Davis and Mrs. Johnnie Mae Vansant, who teaches at Texas College.



Youngsters nibble at strawberries while eying angel food cake dressed up in pink pinafore with pink satin ribbon bows and roses. Designed by cateress Irma Berry, it is frosted with 7-minute icing.

PINAFORE PARTY

Backyard lawn party is ideal for mothers, daughters

WHEN MOTHERS get anxious for an afternoon of bridge or an old-fashioned gab session during the warm Summer days, big problem always is: what to do with the youngsters. Perfect solution is a backyard lawn party with both grownups and daughters enjoying the sunshine and fresh air—and getting a chance to sport crisp, cool pinafores. With a simple tasty lunch and a minimum of fuss, it's a lot of fun with the kids having their plate and punch the same as mother.

With the right menu, the young ones can help themselves to sandwiches and

snacks. Ham and egg carrots (below) gives youngsters all the things they usually won't eat and they'll enjoy it in this shape. The shaggy-dog sandwiches are made with a tiny cutter in the shape of a dog. Then spread with cream cheese and salad dressing and cover with shredded carrots. For grownups the tomato and tuna slices are ideal, being a combination of $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of grated tuna fish, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup blue cheese, 1 tbsp. of salad dressing and a few drops of lemon juice spread on $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch slices of tomato. Top with chopped parsley and a circle of green pepper.



For unusual ice cubes, mix juice of 2 lemons, 1 cup sugar, juice from cherries and water. Place cherry and mint leaf in each section. Pour mixture and freeze. Use for iced tea or lemonade.

HAM AND EGG CARROTS



Grate several slices of ham. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup grated celery, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated pepper, chopped green onions, 1 small onion.



Add one package of cream cheese, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. paprika, one chopped egg, 1 tbsp. Durkee dressing.



Blend ingredients well and carefully shape mixture in form of small carrots with fingers. Use celery for top.



Roll in raw grated carrots with bits of parsley, celery leaves or onion tops. Place in refrigerator to chill.

EX-GI'S IN ITALY

Few Negroes return to war-wracked nation but these find success in professions and business

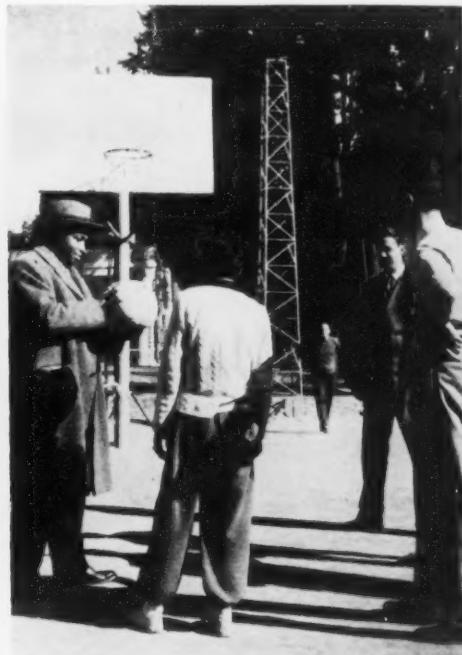
OF THE thousands of Negro troops who helped take Italy for the Allies during World War II, fewer than 25 have remained or returned as civilians in peacetime. Those that did go back after getting back into multi have been lured by the quiet, unhurried Italian life and plan to stay indefinitely. Although they were common throughout Italy during the war, today they are once again a strange sight and occasionally a policeman will arrest a Negro suspecting that he is a deserter who has been in hiding since V-Day.

Most U. S. colored residents in Florence, Rome and Bologna are professionals who are either studying or at least thinking about a career. There are artists like Virginia Union graduate Aberdeen Goodwin, who worked for two years in a post office to save enough to go back and study under the GI Bill. Now that he's finally back, the 27-year-old veteran is content to sun himself on the *piazza* or sit at the corner cafe over a glass of wine after art classes at the National Academy in Florence. This summer he will visit Pompeii and Naples by bicycle and paint. Fisk Graduate William Demby also came back to Italy to study art after serving two years with the Army in the country. But instead he wrote his first novel, *Beetlecreek*, which was accepted by an Italian publisher and he is now working on a second. In his spare time he studies art history at the University of Rome.

Perhaps the most successful ex-GI in Italy has been ex-Captain John Kitzmiller, whom a delegation of Italian movie people found shaving in his tent one Spring day in 1946 and cast in the movie, *To Live In Peace*. The PX clerk without any acting experience laughed long and hard when he was asked to play in the film. He was on his way back to the States and was anxious to ship out. He was finally convinced to stay and has not been home yet. He has played in two other films since, *Tombolo* and *Senza Pietà*, and now gets fan mail from around the world. At the Venice Film Festival, he just missed getting the best-acting award for his role in *Senza Pietà* as a Negro GI in love with an Italian girl. The prize went to Lawrence Olivier for his *Hamlet*. Kitzmiller, now 35, plans this Summer to make his first trip back to America since the war. But he will return to Europe where he is lionized at premieres of his films in foreign countries. He hopes to stay in Europe as long as there are parts for him and has been studying French recently so that he can play in a picture in France this Fall.



Entertainer Charlie Beale is star attraction at Torino cafe frequented by millionaires. He presented Tyrone Power with recording as wedding gift.



Basketball coach Elliot Van Zandt introduced game to Italians, coached country's team in Olympics. He has Florence apartment.



Writer William Demby of Clarksburg, W. Va., came to Italy to study art after graduating from Fisk but instead wrote a novel which was published in Italian. With him is girl friend Zige Vitale, an Italian of African parentage.



Art student Aberdeen Goodwin of Battle Creek, Mich., bicycled down from Paris for \$10 to study art in Florence. He spends much time sight-seeing.

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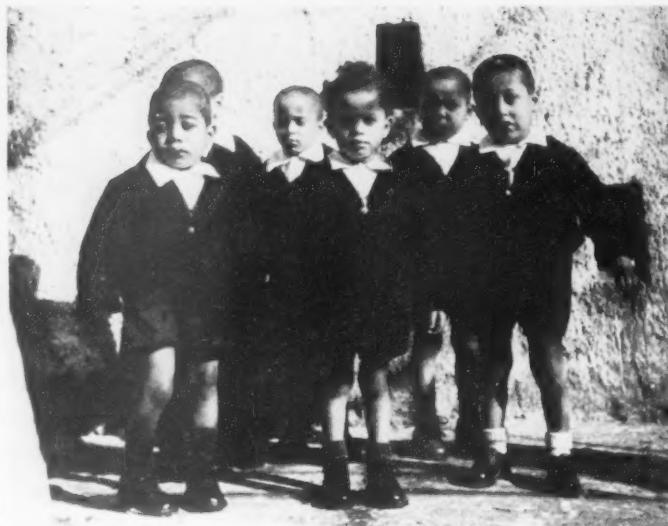
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92ND DIVISION VETS TEACHING ITALY TO PLAY BASKETBALL

SPORTS has been the entree of at least two veterans of the 92nd Division for a return to Italy. When the Italians contemplated getting into the Olympic basketball eliminations, they called on Elliot Van Zandt to conduct training schools for coaches all over the country from Sicily to the Alps. The former Tuskegee assistant coach got together a team that placed 12th in the Olympics but one that attracted attention for the quality of their performance.

Jim Strong of Warren, Ohio, is also teaching basketball, called *pallacanestro* in Italian. He coaches and plays with the Bologna team of Italy's National League in between his studies of philosophy at Bologna University. Strong has not been home to the States since before the war and is married to an Italian girl who does not want to move to America from their apartment on Bologna's swank Via Gandino. Strong's ambition is to write a book about his experiences as the lone Negro with white special service troops and open a tobacco store in downtown Bologna.

Another would-be businessman is singer Charlie Beale, who appeared in the movie *New Orleans* before coming to Italy. He likes the country and plans to open a cafe on the fabulous resort island of Capri in partnership with a friend.



Youthful admirers of actor John Kitzmiller watch him reenact a scene from his latest movie hit, *Senza Pieta*, in which he uses sub-machine gun in shooting alley. Kitzmiller was in the 92nd Division, has a sister in Ithaca, N. Y.



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LOST BOUNDARIES

New film records chronicle of Negro doctor who 'passed'

HERALDED by its producers as "a story that is certain to make motion picture history for its daring, for its dramatic impact, for its truth," *Lost Boundaries* hits the nation's movie screens this month with a remarkable documentary chronicle of a Negro family that "passed" for two decades in a small New England town. For the most part the film lives up to its advance billing. Not only is the picture exciting entertainment on a provocative theme but its script is also a fairly faithful cinematic translation of the book by William L. White and stoutly states the principle: "One man is the image of all men."

White's book, which first appeared in Reader's Digest, tells the story of Dr. Albert Johnston, a Chicago-born fair-complexioned Negro physician, and his family who were accepted for white by the community of Keene, New Hampshire, for many years (see EBONY,

May, 1948). The Johnstons' story reached the screen mainly through the persistence of noted producer Louis deRochemont, who made *The House on 92nd Street* and *Boomerang*. He read the book and suggested that Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, his employers then, buy it. After paying \$40,000 for the screen rights and getting clearance from the Johnston family, MGM shelved the picture allegedly over budget difficulties but actually over differences with deRochemont over handling of the Negro theme.

The energetic 52-year-old producer then decided to make it himself, filmed the entire picture in nine weeks at a cost of \$600,000. The final results are highly gratifying for the movie is amazingly uncompromising in its forthright handling of a theme considered taboo by Hollywood producers since their earliest days in business.



Marrying fiancee Marcia on day he graduates medical school, Scott Carter is set for doctor's career. But internship promised him is given another Negro doctor.



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Baby is born and parents, now passing for white, are relieved to see infant is light enough to be mistaken for white. Family are accepted by townsfolk.



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Returning home, Howard is told to take off uniform by bitter father who discloses his race to son for first time.



Informed that she is part Negro to daughter Shelley is terribly confused but stands by parents.



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CASTING white actors in the roles of "passing" Negroes, the producers of *Lost Boundaries* were under fire of the Negro press during the filming of the story on authentic locations in Portsmouth, N. H., and Kennebunk Port, Me. Later the company moved to Harlem for shooting and Canada Lee was added to the cast at the last minute as a Harlem police lieutenant. The scene in which he appears—a street battle between two boy gangs—was written especially to include him.

The lead rôle of Dr. Scott Carter is played by Mel Ferrer, last seen in the stage version of Lillian Smith's *Strange Fruit*. He is of Spanish descent by way of South America, has been a radio director and producer. His wife is played by Texas-born Beatrice Pearson, last seen with John Garfield in the film *Force of Evil*. Oklahoma-born Richard Hylton has the rôle of the son. He is part-Indian and his father, who divorced his mother, re-married to a Negro woman.

Negro actors in the film include William Greaves, Rai Saunders and Emery Richardson.

Director of the film is Alfred Werker, 52, a movie veteran. In the picture business since 1917, Werker's biggest film success was *The House of Rothschild*, which starred George Arliss in 1934.

To Werker, who had become moderately prosperous directing unimportant stories for various film companies, the opportunity to do *Lost Boundaries* represented an exciting challenge to his technique and imagination. He was delighted with one reading of the script, agreed to go ahead with the picture as soon as financing was arranged by the deRochemont organization.

He considers *Lost Boundaries* a "tremendously important film," undoubtedly the most important of his career.



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THE TYPICAL AMERICAN businessman is a confirmed addict of neat, package-like success-story epigrams posted back of a plush swivel chair or tucked away under the glass top of desk. Sometimes cynical folk have a tendency to deride such Babble as chapter and verse from the corny Horatio Alger series. But there is one pointed and pertinent maxim found in many business offices that well might become a battle cry for Negroes in their always-aggressive advance towards the goal of free and equal citizenship in America. It runs: "Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday and all is well."

No more concise and calculated argument than this businessmen's adage could be found as a devastating rebuttal to those never-missing alarmists and pessimists who see nothing but riot and ruin in every major step forward in race relations. Although they recognize no color line and are found in both races, they are always balky bottlenecks in any move calculated to crack America's iron curtain of color. If all the race riots and bloodshed they have predicted would have become a reality, America would be a nation in a shroud today.

Instead America has in many race relations fields reached the tomorrow that these diehards worried about yesterday and indeed "all is well."

Baseball Soothsayers Prove Wrong

NOT TOO many years back there was a hysterical hue and cry when it was suggested that Negroes be admitted to the big leagues. There were big league owners and sports editors who virtually shed tears in advance over the ball park violence that they saw in their crystal balls. These gentlemen said that white players would do physical battle before acquiescing to playing with Negroes, that any minor physical contact on the diamond would explode in fist fighting, that fans of both races would assault each other in the stands. Colored ball players are now in their third season in the big leagues and there has yet to be any minor racial clash. They have played throughout the South despite threats of the Ku Klux Klan and drawn record crowds through the box office. The prejudice-minded soothsayers could not be more off base than they were in their warnings of racial clashes. Instead of a boycott or deluge of pop bottles, Jackie Robinson was welcomed to Atlanta by crowds of fans seeking his autograph and cheering his play on the ballfield.

It has been the same story in any number of other breakdowns of the color line, but the malcontents have always been around to take a masochistic joy in seeing violence in the offing. They have always dourly predicted "it can't be done" but inevitably it was done.

In Miami Beach they said Negroes could not perform in night clubs without dire results but when the Ink Spots and Cab Calloway were booked, business boomed. They said white university students would not stand for Negro teachers but today there are almost 75 colored professors and instructors in the leading universities of the land. They said arrests of whites by Negro police would start race riots but it has been done in the South and the first riot is yet to be started. They said that whites would not work with Negroes in many war plants let alone under them, yet millions worked together and there were dozens of instances where Negro foremen ran white crews.

No Civil Wars In The Offing

TODAY the movie industry is finally touching the subject of race prejudice against Negroes in half a dozen films that should reach the screen in the next six months. As usual there is the usual crowd of long-faced grumblers who insist the movie theaters of the nation will be the scene of bombings and racial war, who see racial tensions mounting to the breaking point in the South.

But when tomorrow comes, all undoubtedly will be quiet on the Dixie front. For despite all the predictions of new civil wars over the

race problem, the South is not ready, willing nor able to indulge in battle. Such expansive statements as Mark Ethridge's by-now classic threat that all the armed forces of the U.S. could not change the South's racial ways are actually but hollow threats that liberals of the Ethridge ilk and fanatics of the John Rankin set know are but words. They are part of the never-ending psychological war by standpatters against progress in racial relations.

The fear device is as old as history itself. Based on the reluctance of most humans to stride forward into the strange and unknown, it attempts to intimidate people against progress and to force them to be satisfied with the status quo. By creating imaginary dragons built on ignorance—whether they were sea monsters to plague explorers seeking new lands centuries ago or whether they are race riots to frighten pioneers in interracialism—the hoary device is the same. Yet ancient and despicable as is this fear psychology as a means of holding up progress, it always seems to work with too many people up to a point. That point is where a departure from convention is actually tried.

Diehards Fear Experiments

BUT TOO OFTEN the diehards in race relations will not even tolerate trial. So immersed are they in their go-slow theories and so convinced of "trouble" (their favorite expression) that they attempt to block those who would move ahead and see "if it works." When Branch Rickey signed Jackie Robinson as the first Negro in the majors, there were club owners who tried to pressure him to drop his experiments. When the first Negro girl enrolled in the University of Arkansas medical school, any number of legislators tried to pressure the trustees to reverse their stand. When Governor Thomas E. Dewey enacted the principle of fair employment practices into law in New York State, there were those who glumly predicted that industry would leave the state, that whites would not stand for Negro salespeople, that the law would not work without consequent violence. The law worked very well, however. There were no runaway industries. Now that similar legislation is being introduced in other states, the opposition is still shouting the very same arguments that proved so wrong in New York.

The indisputable fact about U.S. race relations is that virtually no actual test of interracial democracy has ever failed. Once an advance has been made, inexorable progress has continued. Once barriers have broken down, there is no sealing the iron curtain of color. Once Negroes and whites have tried real democracy, they are indoctrinated with a zeal and zest for its principles. This is basically why the vested interests who cash in on Jim Crow, who collect dividends from the low economic status of the Negro refuse even to countenance a trial of interracialism. They fear it will work.

Nothing Is Impossible In Future

WHENEVER the clock has been turned back in a racial sense, it has been primarily through the dictates of politicians rather than any resentment of the people against progress. Typical was the series of political decisions that brought racial segregation to Washington in the years after World War I after decades of equality and recognition for the D.C. Negro. President Woodrow Wilson began the march backwards and a succession of Republican Presidents followed suit in catering to the Southern solons in Congress. Because of a lack of really effective counter-moves backed by political power, Dixie was able to export Jim Crow to Washington.

But on the whole since the end of slavery, progressives have successfully bucked diehards—both North and South—and made a reality today of what sometimes seemed impossible yesterday. Once accepting the premise that "Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday," nothing is impossible for the future of the American Negro.

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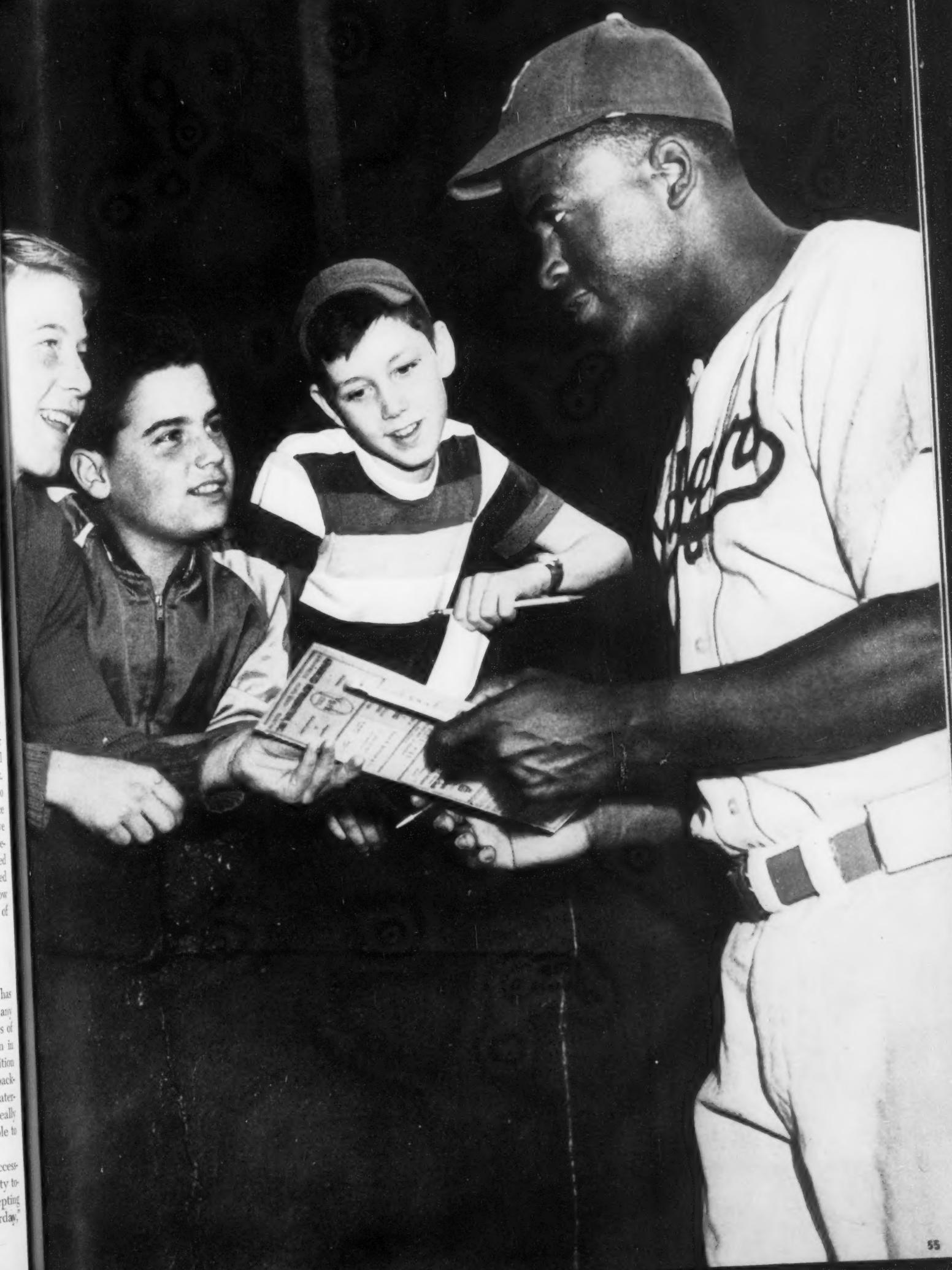
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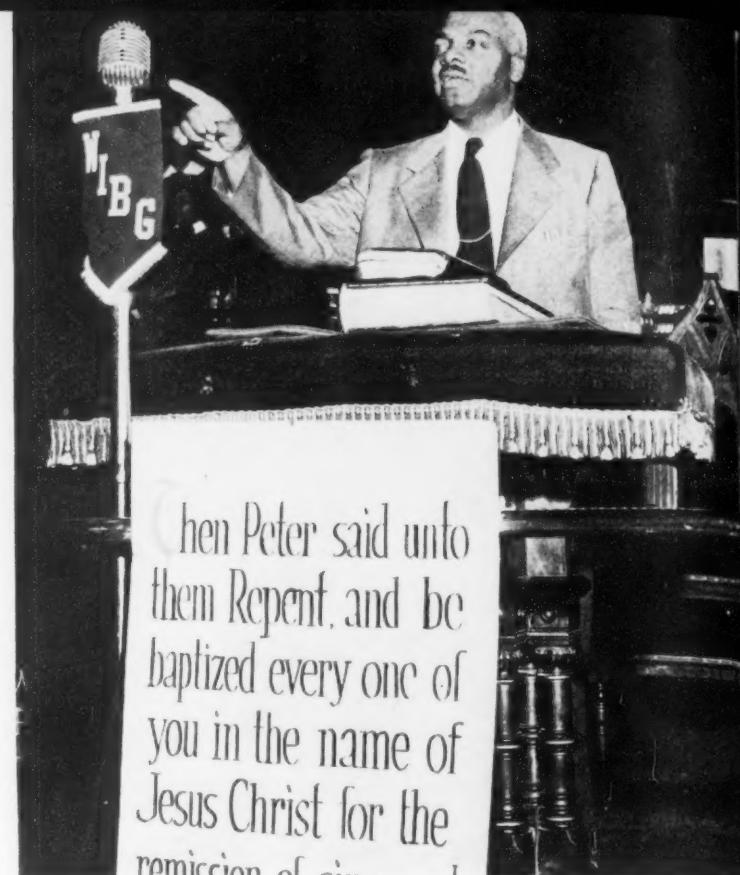




Chicago's Clarence H. Cobb, 41, broadcasts Sunday nights from his First Church of Deliverance to audience estimated by Station WIND at 1,000,000. Six-foot-tall smart dresser has been on air since 1929. His church, boasting some 20,000 parishioners, pays doctor bills for members who cannot afford medical expenses. Weekly collections average \$1,700, are tabulated on electric counter.



Newark's Elder B. H. Broadie, 46, who calls himself "The World's Wonder Radio Preacher," has broadcast twice every Sunday over WHBI for eight years from his Gospel Tabernacle. Ex-barber gets hundreds of letters from listeners in the Deep South. Evangelist claims to have cured hundreds by having diseased place one hand on radio and other on part of body afflicted.



Philadelphia's Bishop Sherrod C. Johnson, 51, has two Sunday broadcasts, one on the Quaker City's WIBG and the other on Washington's WOOK. Ex-sharecropper started to preach 20 years ago in small storefront rented for \$45 a month, now has \$110,000 church. Congregation of his Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is 15 per cent white. Carolina-born minister says he got call to go on radio in vision "seeing myself twice on the air."

TOP RADIO

Negro preachers, on air since 1924, now broadcast

WHEN PIONEER Pittsburgh station KDKA ironed kinks in a remote-control pickup to air the first church broadcast in 1921, religion by radio caught on quickly with listeners and launched a new institution in American life. Today the radio microphone has become as much a part of many churches as the altar. Hundreds of clerics use it regularly each Sunday to carry their sermons to America's estimated 75,000,000 non-church-goers.

A good segment of those ministers are Negroes, whose programs are listened to by an average audience of 7,000,000 Americans each Sunday. Since 1924 when Rev. Samuel Crouch went on a Fort Worth, Texas, station for the Wayside Church of God in Christ to become the first known Negro radio preacher, colored men of cloth have won a spot on the air in virtually every major city in the nation. They reach more Americans of both races than any other group of Negroes in any communication medium.

Negro radio ministers—most of them Baptists—have won a loyal, enthusiastic following as much for their spectacular showmanship as for the outstanding musical talents of their choirs. While some denominations have bitterly criticized ministers who take to the air and passed resolutions against the practice, radio has been accepted by most. With television becoming increasingly popular and giving ministers a visual medium, all opposition to broadcasting religious services is expected to fade.

Many of radio's top colored preachers are fabulous, colorful men whose popularity in their community as well as with radio listeners is remarkable. They range from well-educated, dignified and intellectual pastors of well-established denominations to self-ordained, loud-shouting faith healers in storefronts.

Perhaps the most popular Negro radio minister in the U. S. today is Chicago's dapper Rev. Clarence H. Cobb, who mixes slang in his theme, "Jesus is the light of the world," in exhorting his 20,000 church members and more than 1,000,000 airlane followers. Cobb is so firmly set as a religious figure



•ARCHBISHOP PETERSEN•

Miami's **Archbishop Ernest Leopold Petersen**, 52, has a mixed audience of 125,000 for his regular Sunday morning broadcasts over WMBM from his St. Peter's Cathedral. Virgin Islands-born ex-machinist is head of the American Catholic Church, became the first Negro Primate of the previously all-white church in 1941. Howard-educated minister had his first church in Cuba. Most white listeners to program believe he is white.



New York's **Bishop Robert C. Lawson**, 57, conducts four radio programs in four eastern seaboard cities from his \$300,000 Refuge Temple in Harlem, where he has baptized upwards of 10,000 people. Founder and senior bishop of the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Howard-educated minister runs Carolina religious school as well as New York funeral home and realty firm.

10 MINISTERS in every major U.S. city to 7,000,000 listeners

in the Windy City that he often tells his flock, "It makes no difference what you think of me but it makes a lot of difference what I think of you."

To go along with his exalted position, the Tennessee-born parson has all the trimmings befitting his rank. He owns a lace robe which is reputed to be as costly as the cloak which Pope Pius XII wears. He lives in an expensive three-story Michigan Avenue home, has three cars. Recently the lanky minister paid more than \$152,000 in cash for his remodeled First Church of Deliverance. The new chapel replaced his first church which was built in 1929 and destroyed by fire in 1947.

First widely known Negro radio minister was Washington's famed "Happy-Am-I" preacher, Elder Solomon Lightfoot Michaux, who beamed his initial sermon over the Ku Klux Klan-supported WJSV more than 19 years back. A short while after his radio debut, the Virginia-born ex-fish peddler started challenging renowned white clerics like Father Charles Coughlin and Dr. S. Parks Cadman for national radio fame when he founded the Radio Church of God which pushed his following into thousands.

Last year Michaux became the nation's first television preacher when his sermons were telecast over Capitol City station WTTG. His program, unlike many other televised religious hours, gets top rating from television experts who say that Michaux's "natural ebullience and revivalistic approach keep Friday-night audiences watching . . ."

As radio ministers Negroes have been able to grab air time on stations which still frown on colored entertainers. Today there is at least one Negro radio parson in every large Dixie city except Nashville and even there Fisk University's chapel dean, W. F. Faulkner, once conducted a daily devotional service over a local radio station. Texas seems to have more colored radio preachers than any other state, with 17 in Houston alone and another eight in Fort Worth. At least one minister, Newark's Elder Broadie, claims to have cured cancer through faith healing over the air.



Kansas City's **Rev. Singleton Robert Chambers**, 40, is heard on two broadcasts over Kansas City and Little Rock, Ark., stations. Head of the Evangelist Temple, who claims to have healed 14,000 persons, many by prayer over telephone, has been in ministry since 13. On radio for 16 years, one-time Tennessee State student has 200,000 listeners, two-thirds of them white.



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Little Rock's Rev. T. M. Chambers, 25, is youngest Negro radio minister in U.S. Bishop College graduate and onetime basketball star started preaching in father Dallas church in 1941, has been on radio past two years. He has 150,000 listeners to his Sunday morning broadcasts over KXLR from Arch Street Church, gets good response in mail. He has quite a following from Arkansas whites.



Washington's Rev. Smallwood Edmond Williams, 41, was picked most popular radio minister in nation's capital in 1944 Negro newspaper poll. Now on WOOK Sunday mornings from Bible Way Church, onetime boy preacher has radio audience of 500,000. Ex-Howard student was ordained by Church of our Lord Jesus Christ at 18, youngest in history of denomination. He claims he prophesied Hitler's death.



Cleveland's Rev. Charles Henry Lucas, 50, is popular evangelist who broadcasts with 23-voice choir on WHK Sunday mornings. Ex-cook and car washer has pastored six AME churches.



Detroit's Rev. Wallace Peter Robinson, 42, broadcasts half-hour program from Alpha and Omega Church Sunday evenings on WJLB. Mississippi-born pastor has been on air 11 years.

MINISTERS SOMETIMES GET

MILITANCY is often the theme of many Negro radio ministers who use their air time to blast racial intolerance. One of the most aggressive of these is Los Angeles' Rev. Clayton Donovan Russell, who has championed trade unions, veterans' welfare and civil rights on his program. A delegate to the 1948 Democratic convention, he put his views on a nationwide network hookup in Philadelphia when queried on his opinion on the threatened walkout by Dixiecrats. Russell said: "Let them walk out. It will be the best thing that has ever happened. If any American walks out on civil rights, which are fundamentally human rights, there's no place in our democracy for him."

In Atlanta scholarly, book-writing Rev. William Holmes Borders spends some of his air time on Station WGST to promote fund drives for improving racial conditions in Jim Crow Georgia. The Northwestern University graduate headed the Georgia Citizens Defense Com-



Atlanta's Rev. William Holmes Borders, 44, is author of *Seven Minutes at the Mike in the Deep South*, a collection of radio sermons over WGST from his \$450,000 Wheat Street Baptist Church, which claims to be the South's largest Negro church. Onetime peach picker holds master's degree from Northwestern University, has congregation of 5,000 including several whites. Weekly collections average \$1,200.



Memphis' Dr. W. Herbert Brewster, 51, directs his "Gospel Treasure Hour" from studios at WDIA. Pastor of East Trigg Avenue Baptist Church has a son in Pittsburgh (See Page 61) who is also a radio minister. University of Chicago graduate is dean of Fuller School of Religion, has been on the air seven years with a large audience of white listeners. Rev. Brewster has written poetry and songs.



Richmond's Rev. Charles Lawrence Evans, 41, has no church of his own but broadcasts Sunday mornings on WRNL as executive secretary of Virginia's 50,000-strong Baptist Association.



Louisville's Rev. William Fields Wilson, 50, is ex-architect who turned to ministry when 35; now broadcasts on WINN from his Centennial Olivet Baptist Church.

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Because of his stand Borders was threatened by angry whites who suggested that Atlanta and vicinity "would be better off" if he departed. In Kansas City the six-foot, fearless Rev. Robert Singleton Chambers has often been threatened for his sermons which sometimes are critical of whites. Chambers can recall when white men came out to his Church of God in Christ to see to it that he did not preach. But adds the KC parson, "Of course I was not afraid for I knew God was on my side." For his protection now the 40-year-old Chambers has added a personal bodyguard to his retinue which already included maids, a laundress and chauffeur, who drives his seven-passenger Cadillac.

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Baltimore's Rev. Clarence Baker Pearle, 49, began radio sermonizing over Cincinnati's powerful WLW 14 years ago. He now broadcasts from his Payne Memorial AME Church over WBAL.



Houston's Rev. Seymour Marcus Weaver, 48, has three weekly broadcasts on WNUZ and KATL, with commercial sponsors. Head of Providence Baptist Church has 60 per cent white and



Los Angeles' Rev. Clayton Donovan Russell, 38, has 75,000 listeners to his Sunday morning broadcasts over KFOX, often features guests like Mayor Fletcher Bowron (left) at his People's Independent Church of Christ. One-time law student is active in politics as a Democrat, was delegate to Philadelphia convention. Ordained at 21, in church he is now pastoring, he has congregation of 11,000.



Fort Worth's Rev. R. E. Ranger, 50, was featured on the first coast-to-coast NBC broadcast from a Negro church in 1933. His Wayside Church of God in Christ, now on KWBC, has been on television.



Norfolk's Rev. Richard B. Martin, 36, the only Negro to appear on WTAR daily Church of the Air, Rector of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, former Morris College teacher.



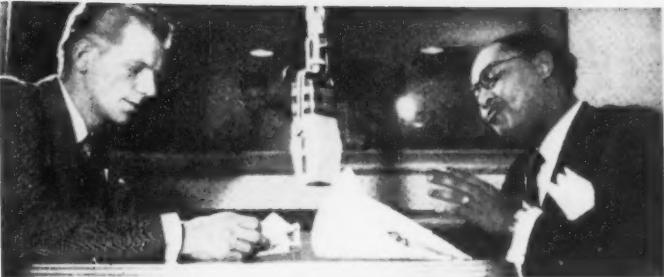
Des Moines' Rev. Ford W. McGhee, 58, commutes from New York home to Iowa city every other Sunday to broadcast from full Gospel Christian AME Church over KWDM.

Birmingham's Rev. John Washington Goddard, 51, has big audience of 750,000 for hour-long Sunday program on WVOK from his Sixth Avenue Baptist Church. He is ex-pro baseball star.

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Pittsburgh's Rev. W. H. T. Brewster, 36, is one of five radio ministers in city, broadcasts twice weekly from WMCK studios because his new \$215,000 Calvary Baptist Church is still under construction. He formerly broadcast with father over Memphis station, got many threats for his exposé of rape of two Negro girls by police. Morehouse graduate is poet and playwright.



Jacksonville's Rev. E. H. Holloway, 40, has 30,000 listeners to his Sunday morning broadcasts over WIVY. Is sponsored by National Educational and Religious Council.



Indianapolis' Rev. Joseph B. Carter, 67, has 60% white audience for his 8-year-old program over WISH from 25th Street Baptist Church. Ex-farmhand is self-educated.



Chicago's Rev. Louis Bodie, 56, is a former train porter who held his first religious meetings in a tent for seven followers, now preaches to 100,000 Sunday afternoons over WAAF from his Greater Harvest Baptist Church. The Memphis-born minister has been on the air four years, gets regular contributions from listeners. He is planning to build new \$40,000 church on South Side.

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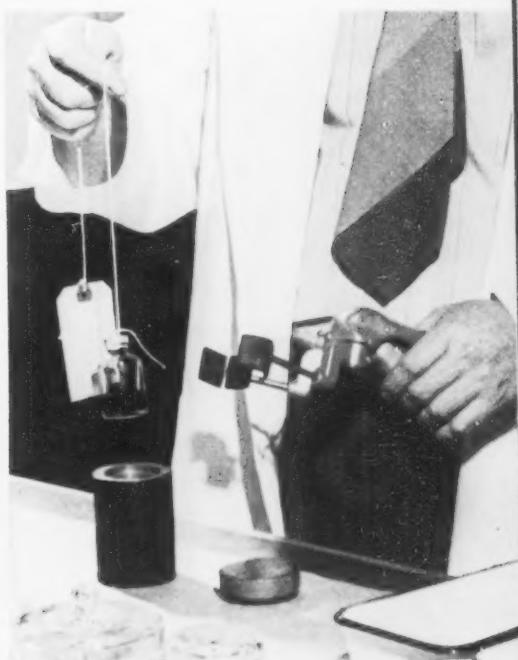
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Hopeless leukemia victim Frankie Anderson looks wistfully from window of Meharry Medical College, where he was flown in hospital plane for experimental injection of radioactive gold to check disease. Treatment was begun last August and although Frankie is improved, doctors feel he will undoubtedly have another relapse soon.



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But grasping at life by a slim thread, doctors at the Meharry Medical College in Nashville

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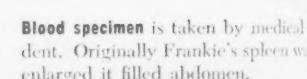
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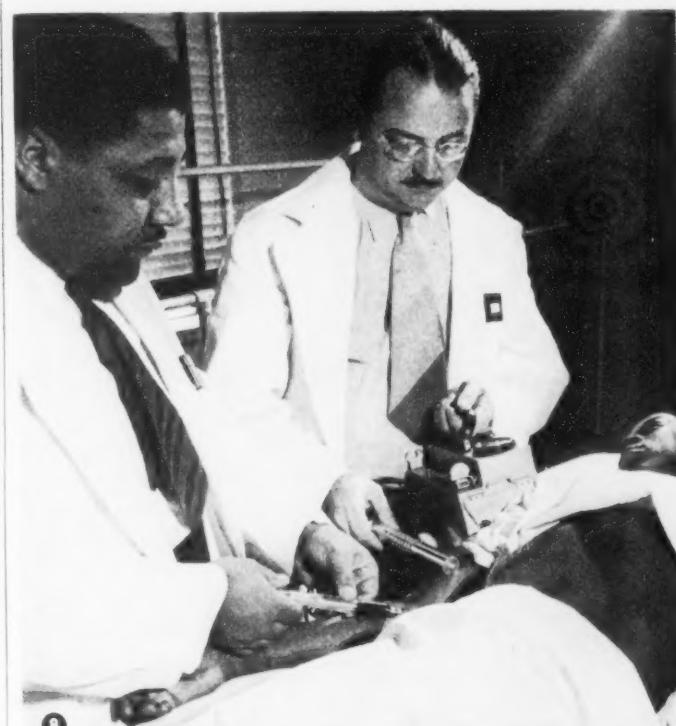


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Jeep ambulance stands by at Berry Field to whisk Frankie to hospital. He is taken to pediatrics department.



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Injection of radioactive gold is made by Dr. George Hilliard while Dr. Paul Hahn, Meharry's outstanding authority on use of atomic materials on humans, holds Geiger counter to check radioactivity. Total cost of Frankie's treatment is \$40.



Landing after two-hour flight, hospital plane brings Frankie to Nashville. War-surplus DC-3, formerly American Airlines plane, is used by Meharry to transport staff to nearby hospitals and as flying ambulance in cases of emergency or disaster.



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Sample of radioactive gold is checked before being administered to Frankie. Apparatus is similar to Geiger counter.



Checking location of radioactivity in Frankie's body, Dr. Hahn methodically sweeps Geiger counter up and down. All this is painless to boy. Injections take 3 to 5 minutes. Then boy is kept at Meharry for 10 to 14 days for study of results.

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ONE OF the first institutions to use atomic energy to save life instead of destroying it, Meharry Medical College's new \$100,000 laboratory has launched into a long range program of cancer research of which little Frankie Anderson's case is one phase. Dr. Paul F. Hahn, who as head of the lab originated the technique of battling malignant growths with radioactive particles of gold (a millionth of an inch in diameter) suspended in colloids, is the only scientist in the U. S. authorized by the Atomic Energy Commission to employ the treatment on humans.

Each Friday a wooden box containing the heavy lead container of glassed radioactive gold is flown to Meharry from the Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago. Handled with special clamps, the gold which has much the appearance of grape juice is injected into leukemia victims. First word of the effects of the treatment brought a flood of requests for aid from white leukemia patients all over the country. Many are being handled at Meharry, but the researchers are seeking more Negroes as patients. The school has treated 70 whites and 27 Negroes to date.

A relatively rare ailment, leukemia is no respecter of race. It is neither infectious or contagious and attacks mostly children, 80 per cent dying within two months of the onset of the disease. Nothing is known about the cause and even little about the exact nature of the illness.

Symptoms of the disease include easy fatigue, enlarged spleen, hemorrhages and violent infection. It is sometimes taken for scarlet fever or even a sore throat. In recent years leukemia has been in newspaper headlines often because of the tragic stories of its child victims like the much-publicized Nubbins Hoffman of Cheyenne, who recently succumbed despite all efforts of medical science.

Frankie Anderson has been told a number of times that he has only a limited time to live but he cannot seem to grasp the idea that he will die. His mother, who runs a small Alabama farm with the aid of her eight other children (the father is dead), also does not realize that Frankie's life is at stake. She knows his sickness is incurable but says: "I just worry so much about him and I just want him to come home. I know he is sick but when he is here I will stop worrying."



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